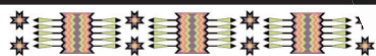




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Annual Meeting and Festival set for September 27 - October 4

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Mark your calendars!

The 48th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and the 20th Annual Chickasaw Festival will be September 27 through October 4 in Tishomingo, historic capitol of the Chickasaw Nation. Events are also scheduled in Ada, the Kullihoma stomp

grounds and the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby will deliver the "State of the Nation" address during the Annual Meeting. The address will be at 9 a. m. Saturday, October 4 at Fletcher Auditorium on the campus of Murray State College (MSC).

"The Annual Meeting and Festival give all Chickasaws and our families and friends from across the nation an opportunity to gather and celebrate our culture and history," Gov. Anoatubby said.

Immediately following the "State of the Nation" address, hundreds will line Tishomingo's

Main Street to enjoy the festival parade. The parade line-up includes bands from many area schools and floats representing a wide variety of organizations and children's groups from across southern Oklahoma.

A wide variety of exciting events for festival goers of all ages will be offered during the festival, including the Chickasaw traditional lunch

on the MSC campus, cultural and Dance Troupe demonstrations on the capitol grounds, a Chickasaw artists' exhibition, the Band Day Extravaganza, Chickasaw White House tours, a horseshoe tournament and more.

Saturday's festival events

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Colbert, Underwood, McCarter, Tate

Four inducted into Hall of Fame

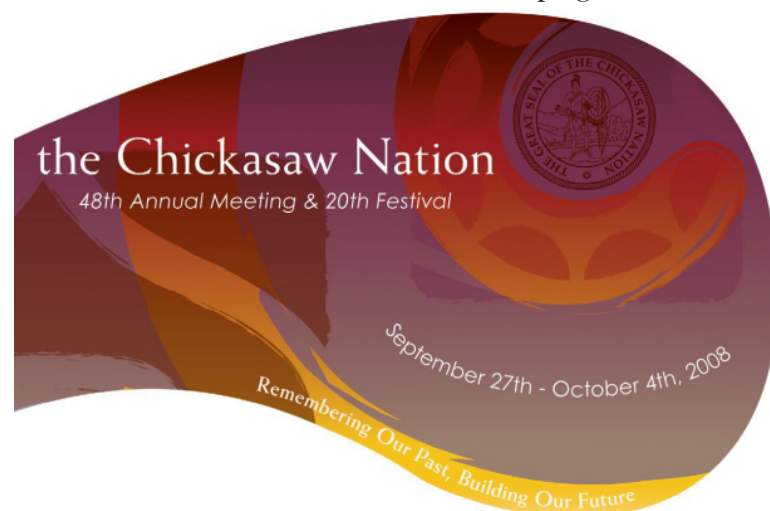


Gov. Bill Anoatubby, left, and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, right, took part in the induction of four outstanding citizens into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame August 21 at Riverwind Casino. From left are Gov. Anoatubby, Brian George, who accepted on behalf of Winchester Colbert; Gene Underwood, Rep. Ray Gene McCarter and Lt. Gov Keel. Juanita Tate is seated in front.

More than 500 were on hand for the induction ceremonies of a former tribal governor, a tribal elder dedicated to preserving Chickasaw culture, a state representative and a former tribal legislator into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame.

Lisa Billy, a Chickasaw who represents District 41 in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, served as master of ceremonies for the Native-themed banquet event August 21 at

See Hall of Fame, page 8



Barker unseats incumbent to claim Pickens District seat



Connie Barker

Chickasaw Nation election secretary Rita Loder announced Tuesday, Aug. 26 that Connie Barker, of Marietta, is the winner of the runoff election for Pickens District, seat 2 in the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature.

Mrs. Barker defeated incumbent Donna Hartman, of Overbrook.

Mrs. Barker tallied 1,205 votes, or 57%, to Mrs. Hartman's 900 votes, or 43%.

"I want to thank all my sup-

porters, my family and my friends who have been so wonderful during this campaign," Mrs. Barker said. "God has blessed me with this great opportunity to serve. I want the Chickasaw people to know I am ready to get to work."

The victory was an upset. Mrs. Barker, a rural medical clinic manager from Marietta, had never previously run for any tribal office. She threw the election into a runoff when she received 37% of the vote to Mrs. Hartman's 45% in initial tribal voting. Challenger Charles F. Lewis drew 18% of the vote. With no candidate receiving 50% or better, the runoff election was declared.

Mrs. Barker will be sworn in as Pickens District, seat 2 Chickasaw tribal legislator during ceremonies on October 1. Pontotoc District legislators Dean McManus and Katie Case, Tishomingo District legislator Steven Woods and Supreme Court Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon will also be sworn in.

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CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**REGULAR SESSION****David Stout Building****Ada, Oklahoma****July 18, 2008****AGENDA ITEM #1****CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2**ROLL CALL****Members present:**

Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly

Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Member absent:

Scott Colbert

Staff present:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick,

Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present:

Michael T. Watson, Wilma Watson, Nancy Elliott,

Rachel Kent, Ashley Large

AGENDA ITEM #3**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4**READING OF MINUTES - June 21, 2008**

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Ms. Green to approve the June 21, 2008 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs**12 yes votes****The motion to approve the minutes of June 21, 2008 carried unanimously.****AGENDA ITEM #5:****UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6:**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 25-010, Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 4 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Insurance for Elected Officials)

This resolution amends Title 2, Chapter 4 of the Chickasaw Nation Code. Chapter 4 addresses general provisions for elected officials. This amendment will make insurance available to retiring elected officials on a cost basis ranging from 75% to no cost, depending upon the length of time an official served in any elected office. Insurance, defined to include life, health and dental as is available to employees and elected officials, shall become an additional retirement benefit to officials upon their retirement from office according to the scale defined in this resolution.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Harman to approve PR25-010

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs**9 yes votes****Members voting no:** Tim Colbert, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz**3 no votes****The motion to approve PR25-010 carried.**

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling**General Resolution Number 25-079, Approval of Consolidated Governmental Budget - Fiscal Year 2009**

This resolution approves the Consolidated Governmental Budget for fiscal year 2009 in the amount of \$101,656,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Mr. Woods to approve GR25-079.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs**12 yes votes****The motion to approve GR25-079 carried unanimously.**

General Resolution Number 25-080, Amendment to Salary Level of Chickasaw Nation Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar

The resolution authorizes the salary range of the Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar to be from L-21 (starting at \$44,036) to L-26 (ending at \$84,660). The current Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar, Ms. Rita Loder, has reached the top of salary level L-21; therefor, her salary cannot be raised. This resolution raises the limit for her salary so that it may be raised when the Governor so determines.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR25-080.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Hartman to table

GR25-080**Members voting yes:** Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Donna Hartman**3 yes votes****Members voting no:** Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs**9 no votes****The motion to table GR25-080 failed.**

A roll call was taken to approve GR25-080.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs**12 yes votes****The motion to approve GR25-080 carried unanimously.**

Permanent Resolution Number 25-007, Amendments to Title 3, Chapter 3, Article D Section 3-3406 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Salary Range)

This resolution amends Title 3, Chapter 3, Article D Section 3-3406 of the Chickasaw Nation Code to change the salary range for the Chickasaw Nation Gaming Commissioner. The salary range was originally set by the Legislature in 1994 and has not been amended since that time. The Chickasaw Nation's gaming enterprises have grown greatly in both number and size since that time requiring much more of the Gaming Commissioner than was originally imagined. The proposed salary range would be more commensurate with the increased responsibilities of the job. The original salary range was from L-19 (starting at \$38,375) to L-21 (ending at \$60,017). The proposed range is from L-30 (starting at 81,797) to EL-10 (ending at \$301,980).

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Ms. Green to approve PR25-007.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Hartman to amend the resolution by changing the salary range to L-30 to EL-4.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman**4 yes votes****Members voting no:** Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs**8 no votes****The motion to amend PR25-007 failed.**

A roll call vote was taken to approve PR25-007.

Members voting yes: Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs**9 yes votes***See Minutes, page 34***Bill Anoatubby***Governor***Jefferson Keel***Lt. Governor***Tom Bolitho***Editor***Jenna Williams***Compositor***Dana Hudspeth***Media Relations Specialist***Karissa Pickett***Health Communications Officer***Vicky Gold***Office Manager***Tony Choate***Media Relations Director***Carrie Buckley***Media Relations Specialist***Jeremy Oliver***Media Relations Specialist***Brooke Tidwell***Education Communications Officer*

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Our annual gathering stirs memories of the past

By **BILL ANOATUBBY**
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

When we come together later this month for our Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival, we will be celebrating much more than food, fellowship and fun events.

Those things are, of course, important. As Chickasaws, we enjoy getting together, renewing old friendships and acquaintances, and attending all the great demonstrations.

What we are actually doing is affirming not only our existence, but also the survival of our tribal history and traditions. When so many Chickasaws are gathered in one place, it is not difficult to envision similar gatherings from generations ago. Chickasaws came together to discuss important issues and to plan for

upcoming events. Defense of tribal villages, alliances with other tribes, storing and distributing food – this and much more was discussed.

When we come together at the end of September in Tishomingo, we are fulfilling centuries-old traditions. The Chickasaw people, prior to Removal, were known by neighboring tribes, and later by Europeans, as innovative, prepared – and often fierce. The people came together from the villages to make the best use of the ideas presented to protect the tribe and ensure its long-term survival.

The tribe was very good at providing for its people, and at adapting to changing environments. If game became scarce, Chickasaw hunters were quick to establish new hunting areas. If trade with another tribe became unattractive, new trading



Gov. BILL ANOATUBBY

partners were soon established. If an enemy threatened Chickasaw villages, a workable and aggressive strategy of defense was devised and executed.

We are modern Chickasaws and we function in a modern world. And although our surroundings have changed, we continue to honor our traditions

in our everyday lives.

We have held close our sovereign government and ensured it has survived to serve the people. The Chickasaw Nation has endured physical, political and legal assault, and has emerged as strong as ever. The people have, over the generations, faced challenges that had no precedent. And we have not only survived. We have, together, forged a leadership position among America's Native nations.

The Chickasaw people have survived war, disease, removal, injustice, neglect and more. These incredible obstacles have been overcome through the quiet determination of people who consistently recalled their traditions, and relied on those traditions. Chickasaws understand our ancestors endured much hardship, and that has become strength.

We honor the Chickasaws who have gone before us by continuing to build a strong and vital tribe. Our tribe is built on a rock-solid foundation of centuries-long dedication and commitment to each other.

So we will once again gather and enjoy the company of one another. We will again share stories and catch up on the news of family and friends. We will celebrate our Chickasaw culture through our art and our history.

We have learned many lessons from the past. The most important may be our tradition of self-reliance, learned from countless experiences along the road of time. It is by learning the lessons of the past that we today pave an exciting path for our future generation of Chickasaws.

I look forward to seeing *you* at the 48th Annual Meeting and 20th Chickasaw Festival!

Lighthorse officer's role, on the job and at home, focuses on children



**Special Agent
Chris Palmer**

Lighthorse Police Special Agent Chris Palmer has recently added two new titles - foster parent and child support investigator.

Agent Palmer started his career with Lighthorse Police in 2005, just after he obtained his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from East Central (OK) University.

After spending 16 weeks training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Artesia, N.M., the Ada native began working as a Lighthorse patrol officer. He

was one of eight officers working with LPD. The department now has 22 sworn officers.

He served as a patrol officer until 2007 when he was promoted to a K9 officer. In May of this year, he accepted the position of Child Support Investigator with Lighthorse Police.

"My main job is to locate and serve subpoenas and arrest warrants for child support hearings, not only for the Chickasaw Nation, but about nine other tribes throughout Oklahoma," he said.

He works hand-in-hand with

the Chickasaw Nation District Court.

He summed up his job by saying, "I make sure the kids get the support they deserve."

His new job takes him all to the four corners of Oklahoma.

Despite demands of the new position, Agent Palmer is still a fully-commissioned Lighthorse officer and responds to all types of calls.

This year, Agent Palmer and his wife, Merrie, became foster parents. The couple has been caring for a three-year-old little girl since March.

It is obvious Agent Palmer has completely embraced his new role of foster dad.

He spends his time away from the office, he said, with his family, often engaged in outdoor play.

Agent Palmer and family live in Ada, where he grew up and graduated from high school. Mrs. Palmer works for the Ada School system.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Ada job fair stimulates interest, applicants for tribe

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation co-hosted the 8th annual Ada Area Job Fair August 21. The tribe was joined by several state and local businesses.

"It was our best year ever," said Chickasaw Nation organizer Darrell Walker.

This year was the largest turnout ever for the job fair with over 500 applicants applying for hundreds of jobs offered by 48 state and local companies in attendance.

The Chickasaw Nation Divisions of Commerce, Health, Transportation, Human Resources, and Vocational Rehabilitation were in attendance along with Lazer Zone and the Chickasaw Agency of fire management. All the Chickasaw businesses on hand were there to educate people on the employment opportunities available through the Chickasaw Nation.

There were a wide variety of state and local employers seek-

ing workers with varying levels of skill and experience in a wide variety of fields including health care, finance, retail, transportation, customer service, distribution, mechanical, food services, construction, manufacturing, oil field, industrial maintenance and more.

"It's a wonderful event, we love being apart of the community and have over 60 applicants today," Tawannah Love, Chickasaw Nation Department

of Human Resources, said.

"We have had over 75 people come by our booth," said Joe Lail of the Chickasaw Agency fire management team.

"This is a great event," fire management member Tom Schultz said. "We are always looking for a good firefighter!"

With the huge success of this

year's event there will certainly be more area job fairs planned in the future.

"If we can get one person hired, it was all worth it," said Walker.

Contributed by Jeremy Oliver, tribal media relations.



Tribe lends a helping hand when families are in need



Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator

Hello Everyone!

Recently I attended a memorial service for the husband of a lifelong close friend and his favorite song had been "It's a Wonderful World." The song was of course sung at the service

and as I listened to the beautiful words I thought about how really true they are.

Today someone called needing help, beginning with food to feed their family. They were about to go fishing in a local pond after they made the call. In our community we have two food banks – one for immediate need (a two-day supply) and another with more and longer serving arrangements.

Our tribal government is a great participant in helping meet the needs of the communities in our Nation and I thought, as I gave them the directions to the food banks and told them where to call about jobs (they had just moved back into our area) that truly, "It's a wonderful world" and how fortunate we really are. Sooner or later all of us hit a bump in the road and a helping

hand is so nice to have to help us through.

The other day we legislators along with some of the administrators were given a tour of some of our major construction areas and it was wonderful treat. The Cultural Center at Sulphur is an unimaginable wonder – AWESOME! You will absolutely, positively have to come from where ever in the world you live to visit the center upon its completion. It will be an enormous gift to yourself. What they have done already is beautiful, meaningful and in every essence, amazing. (You may have picked up on that I was impressed!!!).

We also visited our sod farm and went through some of the greenhouses where plants to be used in the landscaping of our Chickasaw houses were be-

ing grown. They were picture perfect.

No small part of our travel that special day was to look at all the construction going on at the Winstar Casinos location. Three hundred thousand square feet (yes – 300,000!) are being added to the casinos which are about 179,000 sq. ft. now. Huge!! Also a 12-story hotel is being built at the end of the new casino addition by a developer and it will be really nice. The casinos (5) being added are an extravaganza. Each of the casinos (which lead through from one to the next) are being designed to represent one of several major cities of the world.

A full time fire fighters' team is being put in place and will be housed with our emergency care group – which keeps an ambulance on the property all the time

with the crew. If anything has not been thought of to keep our guests safe and comfortable at the casino area I certainly can't imagine what it might be.

The golf course is beautiful and very popular. A number of tournaments have been held there. The houses being built in the general vicinity of the golf course are very, very nice as is the shopping mall area. A Best Western Hotel has already opened and is not too far from our own Microtel. The main office building for the RV park is shaping up and the park will be an especially nice one with trolley and/or cart service to other facilities located on the compound.

Progress is a good thing!!

And I wish good things and great blessings to all of you!

Linda Briggs

Land under development for new legislative, judicial facilities



Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator

I overheard someone saying recently that Legislators should write articles related to the committees on which we serve, so I considered that, as chairperson of the Land Development Committee, I should write about land. Actually, each piece of legislation that is related to the purchase and/or acquisition of land is processed through the land committee. I have served as chair of that committee for the past seven years. I think that as I write about the hospital as it is constructed, I am actually writing about land, its development, and my other interests, such as health care. At some time or

another, diabetes becomes a very important part of what I am doing, and that I will write about next month.

Since the hospital is covered regularly, and I refer you to my blog at www.goforthparker.com, I decided to write about another piece of land that is being developed. The land I am referring to is the special plot of land where the new Legislative and Judicial branches are being built simultaneously. I will cover those for you and you can see a few pictures as the progress develops when you visit my blog.

General Resolution 24-009 was published in the December

2006 Edition of the *Chickasaw Times*. This resolution passed an amendment to the Development Budget that would begin a slow process toward the construction of a new Legislative building. In the Legislature, we have often heard of Governor Anoatubby reminding us of when legislative business was conducted in the headquarters building. In fact, I am sure that Legislator Tim Colbert remembers those days. They are long past, and much progress has been made.

When I was elected a Legislator in 1994, we were in the current David Stout Building. As you many know, this building was named in honor of the late David Stout, Legislator serving the Pickens District. The building was named in honor of Legislator Stout in 1991. We are very fond of the historical significance of our building. Not only did Mr. Stout work for the construction and design of this building, it was the first facility that the Tribal Legislature had since before statehood. Legislation passed in October 1991 dedicated the building to David Stout honoring his work and devotion to Chickasaw people. You can refer to this site for information concerning General Resolution

24-009 <http://www.chickasaw-times.net/december06/stories/legislative/ct-20061201-007-november2006res-10866.html>. The new facility for the Legislative building will help meet the advances in technology that are required of a 21st century legislature. While we were preparing to take the pictures for this article and my blog, my son asked why I would want to take pictures of a mound of dirt. My reason is that I want you to see where we are now, and where we will be in the future. You can visit the blog and see a few pictures. I will include more pictures in the future. There are two buildings being constructed, side by side. At this point, they are at about the same place concerning progression toward completion.

The "blog" sounds like something from a sci fi movie, but it is actually just my on line journal. In the future, I will identify which building is which. I hope that you will visit my site and see why this mound of dirt is so important to this Legislator. I enjoy writing articles for the *Chickasaw Times*. It causes me to reflect on what is occurring in our great tribe, the unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation. For that same reason, I enjoy blogging. I hope that you are visiting my blog and continuing to keep in communication. I look forward to hearing from you.

Judy Goforth Parker, PHD, RN

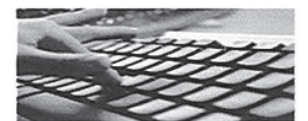
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Health facility will feature backup water, power



Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee! As I write this article, it is a cool 70 degrees and rainy in Ada which is highly unusual for the month of August. The last few weeks have been more typical with temperatures as high as 106. We truly appreciate the rain and the break from the high temperatures!

The Health Care Committee met with Health System Administrator Bill Lance on August 4. Mr. Lance told us that the steel framework for the new hospital is rising every day. We are so

glad to see the construction continue. It is planned that the new hospital will have 2 water sources and 2 backup generators so that it will never have to shut down because of lack of water and electricity - the 2 most vital services.

Mr. Lance also asked that we welcome Dr. Karina Jandzszak as a new children's specialist at Carl Albert Hospital. The search for a new dentist continues and we will be very happy to get one onboard. We know that it has been an inconvenience to our patients to have to wait so long for a dental appointment.

The Health System has received another grant. Only 40 entities were selected to receive the grant for providing health services. Congratulations, Health System, and thank you!

Health System Administrator Bill Lance reports the following statistics: for the month of July, 2008, there were 285 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 19,557. July Emergency Room visits were 1,003. July saw 238 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,750 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in

Ada saw 1,889 patients in July. The Ardmore Clinic saw 3,009 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 1,917. The Durant Clinic saw 2,468 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 2,114 in July.

I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next month, thank you.

Hall of Fame inducts four new members for 2008



Beth Alexander
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chuckma,

I recently returned from a gathering in Colorado Springs. Our time spent in this beautiful city was far too short but very enjoyable. The Chickasaw Citizens in Colorado are a friendly group and I can't wait to see them again. While there we had an opportunity to visit some "must see" spots. Two places not too far from our location were Seven Falls and Garden of the Gods. Wow!

The Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council Music Fest was a great success. The new Enos Community building provided the stage for the day's festivities. Tasty Indian tacos,

live musical entertainment and a silent auction rounded out the day. Congratulations to the council.

Every year the Nation holds a Hall of Fame banquet. In earlier months, readers had the opportunity to nominate candidates for 2008. This event was held in Tishomingo but due to our ever increasing size the banquet has been relocated to Riverwind Casino, near Norman, Oklahoma. Winchester Colbert was our first inductee followed by Mr. Gene Underwood, then Mr. Ray McCarter and the last inductee and certainly not the least, was Mrs. Juanita Keel Tate. Mrs. Tate is a prime example of an

honorable, distinguished and well educated dynamic woman of the Chickasaw Nation. She has recently completed a biography on her great-grandfather, Edmund Pickens. The book is being published by our own Chickasaw Press. To finish out the evening, Mrs. Tate's grandson, Jared Tate, in honor of his 98-year-old grandmother and other Chickasaws, sang in native language. It was a very fitting tribute to a lady that has committed her life to the betterment and growth of her Chickasaw people. When I first came to the tribal legislature, Mrs. Tate was and continues to be an encourager and a wealth of information for me. I have been blessed by the friendship and can't wait for her to sign my copy of her new book!

Please remember to enjoy your loved ones and get in touch with your Chickasaw relatives. Mrs. Tate admonished each of us in her acceptance speech, to hold fast to our Chickasaw heritage



Juanita Keel Tate

and document, document, document! For who will write of our heritage if we don't?

May the peace and love of our Lord be with you,

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Head Start program is aptly named



Wanda Blackwood Tippet Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

One of the most important educational programs our tribe administers is the Head Start program.

This long-running program is designed to give our youngest students a great "head start" on their elementary and secondary school careers. It has been demonstrated that a child who experiences a well-run Head Start classroom has a highly enhanced chance to complete high school and college.

Our tribal Head Start classrooms have exceptional teachers and some of the latest instructional aids. Our Head Start students now benefit from the use of "white boards," interactive boards that stimulate cognitive

skills and promote real learning.

The Head Start program is directed to children who are members of families with incomes below the federal poverty level, or if their families are eligible for public assistance.

In Oklahoma, a two-person family with family income of \$14,000 or less qualifies for the Head Start program. A family of three is \$17,600; family of four, \$21,200; family of five, \$24,800; family of six, \$28,400; family seven, \$32,000; and family of eight, \$35,600.

For more information, please contact our tribal Division of Education.



Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council Music Fest.

Tishomingo District has much history, culture to offer citizens



D. Scott Colbert

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

In 2008, there were 22,600 registered voting members of the Chickasaw Nation, representing all the members, inside the nation and at large. (1906 Chickasaw Rolls listed 5,684 Chickasaws; 1,538 full bloods and 4,146 mixed bloods; Gibson, *The Chickasaw*). Every voter is registered as being affiliated with one of four districts – Tishomingo, Panola, Pickens or Pontotoc. The four districts combined comprise all of the Chickasaw Nation, an area 4,707,904 acres in south central Oklahoma, formerly Indian Territory.

The registered voters who reside in the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation are required to register in the District where they reside; the voters at large, those members who reside outside the Nation, may opt to register in any District;

If you reside outside the Nation, you should affiliate and become a member of that district where your family is historically affiliated or in the District boundaries where your heart makes you Chickasaw.

Under the current government, the district boundaries were adopted from the original boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation in IT; **the Tishomingo District “Commenc(es) where the road crosses Blue River that leads from Fort Washita to Fort Smith, at Andrew Colbert’s, thence up Blue River to the fork above the old Dragoon crossing, thence up the eastern prong to the road which leads from Fort Arbuckle to Fort Smith, thence along said road to the crossing of the Washita**

River, thence down said river to the line of the Panola District, thence along said line to the beginning point.”

The Tishomingo District is located in the heart of the Nation and is now and has always been the cultural and historical center of the Nation. The Tishomingo District was the center of all government activity with the first Chickasaw Council House and Later the Chickasaw Capital located in Tishomingo;

Tishomingo was named after Chickasaw Chief Tishomingo; Tishomingo never resided in the district that bore his namesake as he died an elder, in 1841, on his journey to IT from the old homeland;

Kallichokma (Goodsprings) and Kallishowa (Sulphur Springs reservation) were located in what became and continue as the Tishomingo District; Indians from all over regularly visited the springs; the Sulphur Springs reservation eventually become a national park and is now within the Chickasaw National Recreation Area covering 10,000 acres and borders on the

new Chickasaw Culture Center; It was said of the healing springs, **“the Great Spirit took a tomahawk and struck a rock causing water to flow in abundance. Water seeped into the earth and extracted health-giving properties of great powers coming up in springs. The waters had a peculiar taste and odor as they ran over dark stones, turning them white. Sick Indians bathed and drank to get well. Old ones drank and became young.”** (Richard Green, *Chickasaw Lives*); The springs continue to be a mecca for tourists.

Historical events include the first constitutional convention of 1856 under a brush arbor in Kallichokma, Tishomingo where the first Chickasaw Constitution was ratified; Organization of the Chickasaw National Bank in Tishomingo; Organization and operation of many of the first schools and churches; and the Seeley Chapel brush arbor meetings at Connerville that held the Chickasaw together as a people from their forced merger into Oklahoma as a State in the

early 1900s until the tribe again became a new tribal government in 1983.

Governors of the Chickasaw Nation in Indian Territory who made their homes in the Tishomingo District included Cyrus Harris, Daughtery Winchester Colbert, Jonas Wolf, and William Malcom Guy; In recent times, Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel were raised in the Tishomingo District and much of their family continue to reside in the Tishomingo District.

The Tishomingo District remains the cultural and spiritual center of the Nation with the Culture Center at Sulphur, the Capitol museum and the Council House Museum at Tishomingo; the annual festival and meeting at Tishomingo; the Arbuckle Mountains; The Chickasaw National Recreation Area, the Blue River; Pennington Creek, the many healing springs; the communities of Tishomingo, Connerville, Sulphur, Davis, Dougherty, Mill Creek, Reagan, Ravia, Milburn lying west of the Blue, the former communities

of Scullen, Hickory, Nebo, Oak Grove, Joy, Drake, Baum, Troy, Washita, and Jollyville.

On the Chickasaw Nation internet website there can be found a form for voter registration. The form can also be used to change your registration if you are registered in a district other than the Tishomingo District and you want to change your registration; You may also contact me and I will send you a form; My address is P.O. Box 773, Sulphur, OK 73086; telephone, (580) 421-3425; email is scottcolbert@brightok.net

chickasha anompa ithanika assaayukpa

nanna yappaakut anokfilik-mat issabanna

Tishominkoblako ish mintachi ishonat ish yammi biko akogia

Ishmintachi ish alakma chipisalachi – Yakokee – Scott Colbert, Tishomingo District

(I am glad to speak to you; I want you to think about this; you come to see me in the Tishomingo area if you can; I will see you when you come).

‘Justice for a Nation’ brings our children face-to-face with tribal judiciary; offers first-hand mock trial experience



**Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon
Supreme Court Justice**

Hello and greetings from the Chickasaw Nation Judicial Branch! I hope this judicial update finds you in good health and good spirits.

We recently conducted the first Yakni Moma Alphisa (Justice for a Nation) Camp on August 4th & 5th and were thrilled with our turnout of 22 campers. This camp is for high school students considering a career in

law or criminal justice.

During the two-day camp, students from throughout the state, one from as far away as Dallas, met the Supreme Court Justices, District Court Judges and court staff. The Chickasaw Lighthouse Police provided presentations as they relate to their job duties like its task force, search and rescue and dive team. The students were particularly impressed with Officer Casey Gentry and his drug dog “Ace.” They also toured the Lighthouse Police Department, CLEET officer training facility and the Pontotoc County jail, an eye opener for some of the students.

A highlight of the camp was the mock trial organized by tribal attorney Robin Rollins and Pontotoc County Mock Trial Coordinator for the past four years. The students enjoyed being actual witnesses and jury members and gave them a unique perspective in the com-

ponents of a trial. “A mock trial helps teens to develop critical thinking and public speaking skills,” said Rollins. “A mother said she had her daughter attend the camp because her daughter is shy. At then end of the camp, her daughter received the Outstanding Participant Award!”

Based on the feedback, we anticipate a greater turnout next year. On behalf of the Judicial Branch, we say “Chukmashki” to our campers and to everyone who had a part in making our camp a great success. Thank you for your participation and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

National Gathering on Indigenous Peacemaking

I am pleased to announce the upcoming 2nd annual gathering of peacemakers on October 22-23, 2008 in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Supreme Court Justice Smith, on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation, has been working diligently with the Native

American Rights Fund (NARF), National American Indian Court Judges Association, National Tribal Justice Resource Center, University of North Dakota and Fox Valley Technical Institute.

This conference is dedicated to demonstrating peacemaking strategies that will strengthen tribal justice. It is an information-sharing forum for Peacemakers, those who are interested in learning about peacemaking, and those who want to be Peacemakers. This event will be of interest to tribal and non-tribal judges and judicial personnel; law enforcement officers and administrators; prosecutors, attorneys and advocates. There is no fee to attend this event but registration is required.

For more information or questions on the National Gathering on Indigenous Peacemaking, please call the Supreme Court office at (580) 235-0281 or (800) 479-1455 or go to www.fvtc.edu/peace (888-370-1752).

July 2008 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 25-081

Gubernatorial Reappointment of the Chickasaw Nation Gaming Commissioner (Matthew L. Morgan)

Explanation: This resolution confirms the gubernatorial reappointment of Matthew L. Morgan as the Chickasaw Nation Gaming Commissioner to fill a three-year term of office beginning on October 1, 2008, and ending on October 1, 2011.

Presented By: Human Resources Committee, Dean

McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

General Resolution Number 25-082

Application for Membership, National Congress of American Indians

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw

Nation's application for membership in the National Congress of American Indians. This is virtually the same application which is submitted to the Legislature for approval each year. The NCAI has been instrumental in supporting issues of importance to Native Americans. As an independent group, NCAI is representative of the largest concentration of Native Americans, and is often called upon by Congress to provide information and testimony on important Indian subjects. The Chickasaw Nation has been a member in good standing in NCAI since the early 1980's. This resolution also names the representatives of the Chickasaw Nation to NCAI.

Presented By: Human Resources Committee, Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 25-083

Gubernatorial Appointment of the Chickasaw Nation Gaming Commissioner (Matthew L. Morgan)

Explanation: This resolution confirms the gubernatorial appointment of Matthew L. Morgan as the Chickasaw Nation Gaming Commissioner to fill the remainder of an unexpired term of office ending on October 1, 2008. Mr. Morgan was previously appointed as Interim Gaming Commissioner and currently serves in that capacity. Mr. Morgan has been cleared to serve as Gaming Commissioner through the requirements pro-

vided in Title 3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

Presented By: Human Resources Committee, Dean McManus, Committee Chair

Yes votes: Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

Thank you!



Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon
Supreme Court Justice

I want to thank each and everyone of the Chickasaw Nation Citizens for your support during my reelection to Seat 3 of the Judicial Branch. I will continue to preserve the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, help the individual tribal members to be certain that tribal affairs are conducted in a proper and legal manner. I will also continue to interpret laws as they apply to the constitution and to make sure individual rights are protected and that legislative acts are constitutional and affairs of the Chickasaw Nation are conducted constitutionally. Again, thank you for continued support.

2007-2008 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

<u>Pontotoc District</u>	<u>Pickens District</u>	<u>Tishomingo District</u>
Seat #	Seat #	Seat #
1. Holly Easterling 105 Thompson Drive Ada, OK 74820 (580) 399-4002 holly.easterling@chickasaw.net	1. David Woerz P.O. Box 669 Ardmore, OK 73402 (580) 504-0160	1. D. Scott Colbert P.O. Box 773 Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 622-3960
2. Judy Parker P.O. Box 2628 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-3840	2. Donna Hartman HC 66, Box 122 Overbrook, OK 73448 (580) 226-4385	2. Tim Colbert P.O. Box 773 Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 993-2818
3. Katie Case 14368 County Road 3597 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 421-9390	3. Linda Briggs 400 NW 4th Marietta, OK 73448 (580) 276-3493	3. Steven Woods Route 1, Box 430A Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 622-3523
4. Dean McManus 5980 CR 3430 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 759-3407	4. Wanda Blackwood Scott Route 1, Box 42 Elmore City, OK 73433 (580) 788-4730 scottides@telepath.com	<u>Panola District</u> Seat # 1. Beth Alexander Box 246 Achille, OK 74720 (580) 283-3409 bethalexander22@hotmail.com
5. Mary Jo Green 2000 E. 14th Place Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-2394		

Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole Meeting

August 11, 2008

Present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Judy Goforth Parker

Education Committee

August 4, 2008

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman

Absent: Holly Easterling, Linda Briggs

Health Care Committee

August 4, 2008

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman,

Dean McManus, Linda Briggs
Absent: Scott Colbert, Judy Goforth Parker

Human Resources Committee

August 4, 2008

Present: Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

Absent: David Woerz

Legislative Committee

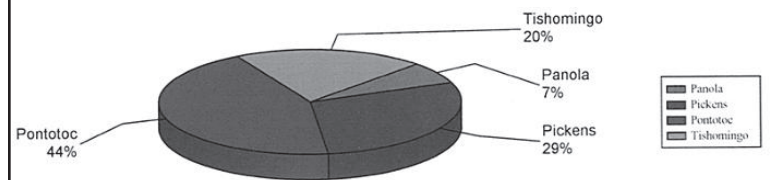
August 8, 2008

Present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, David Woerz

Count of Voters by District

Tishomingo	4,653	Pontotoc	9,981
Pickens	6,567	Panola	1,532
		Total	22,733



Colbert Reunion in Tuscumbia

The 2008 Colbert Reunion will be Thursday, September 11 at 7 p.m. in downtown Tuscumbia, Alabama. This event will take place at the Tuscumbia Church of Christ Annex. The annex is located at the corner of 4th and Main, (same place as last year). One of the main topics this year will be the Sharp Cemetery.

Historic Tours of Tuscumbia Landing will be given Friday, September 12 by the Southeastern Anthropological Institute. The tours will be begin at 2 p.m. and end at 6 p.m. The Tuscumbia Trolley will pick up passengers in Spring Park and return after each tour.

The Walk of Life is Saturday morning September 13 at 9 a.m. The Tuscumbia Trolley will be at Spring Park Saturday morning at 8:30 to take participants to Tuscumbia Landing.

For Further information please contact Annie Cooper 256-381-0700.

Special event set for October 3 at new Chickasaw Cultural Center

Chickasaw Cultural Evening to feature time capsule dedication

SULPHUR, Okla. - Cultural Evening at the new Chickasaw Cultural Center will include dedication of a time capsule and a preview of the center, which is currently under construction.

The traditional Cultural Evening is set for Friday, Oct. 3 beginning at 6 p.m. in Sulphur.

"It is fitting that Cultural Evening is the first official event to be conducted at the Chickasaw Cultural Center," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "This event will give Chickasaw people from across the country an opportunity to see this world-class facility which will help preserve the culture and heritage that binds

us together as a people."

One item will be placed in the time capsule during the dedication ceremony. The time capsule will be officially sealed at the grand opening in 2009 and opened 50 years later.

"Chickasaw people have played a vital role in every aspect of building this facility," said Gov. Anoatubby. "The time capsule gives Chickasaws another opportunity to participate in the development of the Cultural Center."

Amanda Cobb-Greetham is administrator of the tribal Division of History and Culture, which will oversee the Cultural Center.

"This time capsule is designed to acknowledge, symbolize and commemorate the relationship between the Chickasaw Cultural Center and citizens," said Cobb-Greetham.

A time capsule collection booth will provide information and guidelines on submitting items for consideration for inclusion in the time capsule.

Because of limited space in the time capsule, there will be specific guidelines for submitting items for consideration.

More information regarding the process for submitting items for inclusion will be available in the next issue of *the Chickasaw Times*.

Cultural Evening participants will also have the opportunity to take "red ribbon tours" of the facility.

Other events will include cultural demonstrations, stomp dance, and a presentation by the Chickasaw Living History Players.

Other highlights include a presentation by Chickasaw Head Start students and a children's activity area.

Events will begin with the traditional ringing of the bell and an invocation.

The event will include a traditional meal and gospel singing.

A variety of commemorative

items will be available, including T-shirts, key chains and flashlights.

More than 1,200 tribal citizens responded to an October 2000 survey, which asked for comments and suggestions on a Chickasaw Culture Center. Language, beliefs, ceremonies and customs were at the top of the list on those surveys, with tribal history following closely.

Art and music, food and medicine, prominent Chickasaw men and women, and a living village with traditional dwellings were

See Cultural Evening, page 33

Hall of Fame, continued from page 1

Riverwind Casino.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby took part in the induction of Winchester Colbert, Ray Gene McCarter, Juanita Tate and Gene Underwood.

"These individuals are fine examples of the Chickasaws who have forged the way for all of us so that today we remain this great unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation," said Gov. Anoatubby.

Brian George, a descendant of **Winchester Colbert**, accepted on behalf of the man who distinguished himself as a tribal leader and diplomat during tumultuous times of the mid 19th century.

Mr. George asked all relatives of Winchester Colbert to be recognized and dozens in the crowd stood to a round of applause.

Mr. George said that Winchester Colbert was one of the "founding fathers" of the Chickasaw Nation who had left Chickasaws of today a "great inheritance."

"The privileges we enjoy today began with the sacrifices of previous generations," he said. "Let us continue to grow in our endeavors so that future generations, our children, our grandchildren and our great grandchildren will someday echo those same sentiments - 'isn't this a great inheritance?'"

Winchester Colbert helped draft the Treaty of 1855, which restored the status of the Chickasaw Nation as an entity separate from the Choctaw Nation.

In 1856 he served as a member of the first Chickasaw legislature. In 1858 he became the second elected governor of the Chickasaw Nation. He served two more terms as governor from 1862 to 1866.

Ray Gene McCarter said "I can't believe it's happening. This is the biggest day in my entire life. This is the greatest honor that could ever be bestowed on me or anyone else."

Rep. McCarter has served as a member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives since 1996. As Representative of District 51, he has served as Assistant Majority Floor Leader.

He has also served on numerous committees, including Education, Energy and Technology, Public Safety, International Economic Development, Veteran's and Military Affairs.

After serving in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War, he earned a doctorate degree in education. His career in education included time as a teacher, coach, referee and school administrator.

Juanita Tate took the opportunity to encourage others to record their Chickasaw family history.

"Everyone in our nation has a wonderful background," she said. "I hope each one of you will go home and start researching your wonderful, wonderful families. You will find out how great the Chickasaw Nation always has been."

Mrs. Tate, a 97-year-old resident of Ardmore, Okla., has been active in tribal affairs all her adult life.

An avid genealogist since 1961, she has done extensive study of her family history. One result of that study is a recently completed biography of her great grandfather and noted Chickasaw leader Edmund Pickens.

The biography will soon be published by the Chickasaw Press.

Gene Underwood said it was a "great honor" to be inducted into the hall of fame.

"I feel very blessed" he said. "I think it is a privilege to serve the Chickasaw Nation."

He also expressed appreciation to his wife, family and friends for their support throughout his life.

Mr. Underwood served three terms as a member of the Chickasaw legislature from 1983 through 1992.

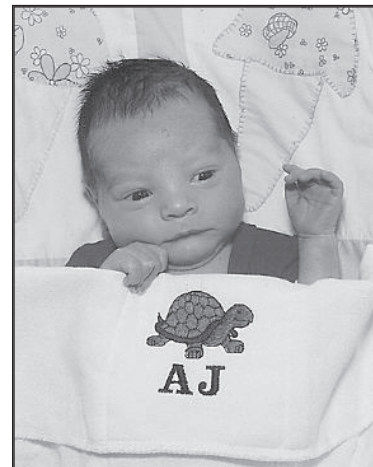
He has also served as a member of the Chickasaw Nation Wildlife Commission.

Family, faith and Chickasaw culture are the cornerstones of his life. When his son Dennis and brothers Ted and Chet began building an authentic replica of an early 18th century dugout canoe, Gene joined the family project.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw infant is official ambassador

'March for Babies' set for Sulphur



A.J. Gordon

SULPHUR, Okla. - The March of Dimes "March for Babies" of Sulphur will take place Saturday, September 27 at Chickasaw National Recreation Area. Once again, a Chickasaw mom is spearheading the event in an effort to give back to the organization that helped her and her family in a time of need, not once, but twice.

Cheri Gordon and both of her sons, A.J., two months, and Noah, 11, have been helped by the March of Dimes when the boys were born premature.

Noah spent 17 days in 1996 in the intensive care unit at Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City and A.J. recently spent seven days at the same facility.

It was during the time Noah was in the hospital that Mrs.

Gordon learned all the March of Dimes does to help all babies.

The March of Dimes helps get the drug Serfactin to babies whose lungs aren't developed and gives families personal items in the hospital. The agency also promotes the importance of pre-natal care.

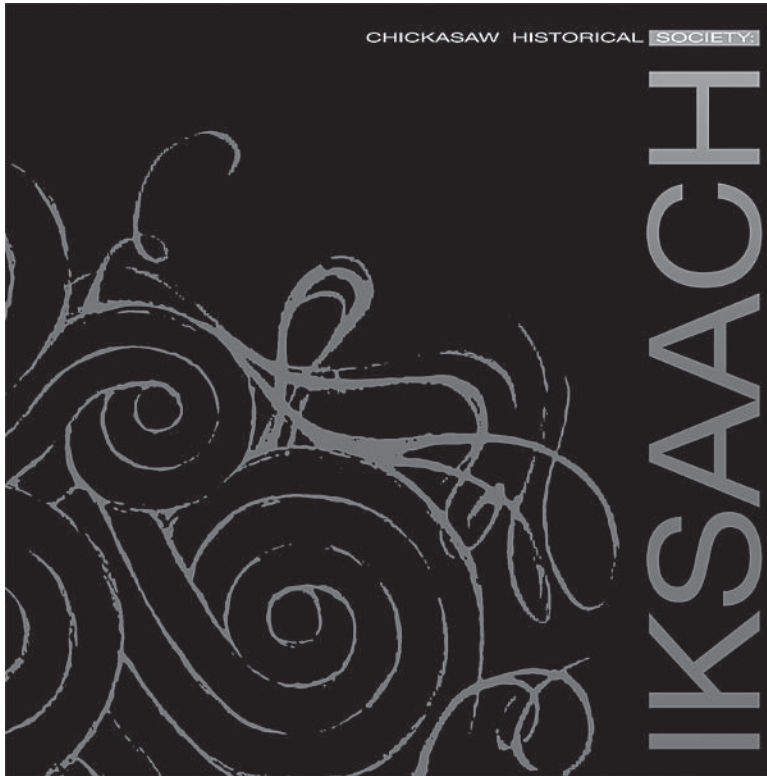
March for Babies is an event that raises funds and awareness for March of Dimes. The agency has set a goal of \$25,000. Last year, the organization raised \$19,000, and in 2006, the organization raised \$25,000 at the annual Walk in Sulphur. A.J. Gordon will serve as Ambassador for the Sulphur event.

Sulphur Elementary School sponsors a March of Dimes poster contest, and the winning poster is displayed at Children's Hospital. For the past two years, the winning artists have been Chickasaw students.

Mrs. Gordon said the assistance she had received from The March of Dimes, both medical and educational, has been invaluable. She and her family go back to the OU Children's Hospitals in Norman and Oklahoma City at Christmas and take bags of goodies to the children.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw artists' booklet 'Iksaachi' is award winner



Iksaachi, a feature booklet on Chickasaw artists created by the Chickasaw Historical Society, was recently announced as a 2008 winner in the Oklahoma Museum Association's (OMA) "Publication" category.

"I'm thrilled about this award, but also that the Chickasaw Historical Society was able to share the stories of five very talented Chickasaw artists with all the readers," said Johnna Walker, Chickasaw Historical Society chairman.

The 37-page booklet features full color photos and biographies of five Chickasaw artists and their art. The title, *Iksaachi*, is a Chickasaw word meaning

"to make, fix or develop."

"For years, the Chickasaw Historical Society has been incredibly supportive of the arts and in particular, Chickasaw artists," said Joshua Hinson, director of Chickasaw Studies and creative developer for *Iksaachi*.

"The development team was proud to be involved in this project."

Iksaachi is the first publication in an annual series to be produced by the Chickasaw Historical Society highlighting various artists from the tribe.

The Chickasaw Historical Society will be honored at a luncheon September 26 at the

Bartlesville (OK) community Center. This luncheon is part of the OMA annual statewide conference.

OMA, headquartered in Oklahoma City, is a non-profit charitable organization founded in 1972 that supports the 300+ Oklahoma museums in their efforts to educate, inform and entertain. For more information on OMA, log on to www.okmuseums.org.

To purchase a copy of *Iksaachi*, contact the Chickasaw Outpost at (580) 332-1458.

Contributed by Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw businesses steady in face of stalling national economy

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and Lt. governor's offices. Expen-

diture for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending July 31, 2008

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$75.6 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$6.5 million for the month and \$48.7 million year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2004, of \$92.0 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for July totaled \$67 million and \$615 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$20 million for the month and \$201 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and

tribal program operations the net income was \$68 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At July 31, 2008, the tribal government funds had \$94 mil-

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Ten Months Ended July 31, 2008

Revenues	
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	
Total funds available	
Expenditures	
General government	
Legislature	
Judiciary	
Education	
Heritage Preservation	
Health	
Youth and Family Services	
Nutrition Programs	
Regulatory	
Assistance Programs	
Transfer to Loan Program	
Gaming expense	
Other businesses' expense	
Total expenditures	
Increase in net assets	
Beginning net assets	
Ending net assets	

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets July 31, 2008

Cash and Investments	
Receivables	
Inventory	
Prepaid expenses	
Other Assets	
Fixed assets	
Less payables	
Net Assets	

lion in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$12.5 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$226 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of July 31, 2008, tribe

operations, excluding federal program funding, had assets totaling \$871 million with \$175 million in payables resulting in net assets of \$695 million compared to \$604 million at September 30, 2007 or an increase of \$91 million from the end of fiscal year 2007.

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues			
\$ 4,045,528	615,599,677	619,645,205	
75,604,017	(75,604,017)	-	
79,649,545	539,995,660	619,645,205	
Expenditures			
7,508,701		7,508,701	
1,303,685		1,303,685	
682,073		682,073	
9,005,103		9,005,103	
2,808,016		2,808,016	
9,914,659		9,914,659	
4,687,008		4,687,008	
2,597,579		2,597,579	
4,056,007		4,056,007	
6,205,065		6,205,065	
-		-	
	330,922,361	330,922,361	
	140,290,468	140,290,468	
48,767,896	471,212,829	519,980,725	
30,881,649	68,782,832	99,664,480	
241,002,527	354,399,938	595,402,465	
\$ 271,884,176	423,182,769	695,066,945	

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
\$ 94,793,559	226,786,490	321,580,049	
1,086,003	24,210,342	25,296,345	
	5,376,630	5,376,630	
	12,953,713	12,953,713	
	28,639,330	28,639,330	
176,425,624	300,550,099	476,975,723	
(421,010)	(175,333,835)	(175,754,845)	
\$ 271,884,176	423,182,769	695,066,945	

Cycling to promote science, math study

Herrington flying once again - this time on two wheels!

John Herrington, a Chickasaw citizen and the first Native American in space, began a new 4,000-mile journey August 13.

On this journey, his view will be much different from those he enjoyed as an astronaut and test pilot. He is riding a bicycle coast to coast to promote interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

"I want to do something that will make a difference," Mr. Herrington said of his journey, dubbed "Rocketrek."

Beginning in Cape Flattery on Washington's Olympic peninsula, he will wind his way to Cape Canaveral, Florida on a journey expected to take about three months.

"It made sense to begin our trip here in Washington," the former NASA astronaut and U.S. Navy

test pilot said. "Because the state is a hub for technology, it was a perfect launching pad in starting our efforts to raise awareness of the importance of STEM disciplines."

Along the way, he will stop to speak to students at schools, Indian reservations and other locations in at least 11 states.

He plans to make a stop in Ada, Okla., and possibly in Tishomingo, Okla., midway through the journey.

A web site, www.rocketrek.com, has been developed to enable thousands of others become actively involved in the

experience.

Mr. Herrington has a long history of inspiring to students with stories of his own experiences.

Even though he had often dreamed of becoming an astronaut and had an interest in



John Herrington

science and engineering, it took some time for him to realize education was the key to making those dreams come true.

"I started out college not knowing what to do and I didn't study very hard, didn't do very well," he said. "Once I had been out of school for a year and worked for an engineering firm,

I realized that was something I was interested in. I got excited about it and that led to a degree in mathematics."

Mr. Herrington gives much of the credit for his success to individuals who took the time and made the effort to offer encouragement and advice.

He has been offering the same kind of advice and encouragement to students for years. Rocketrek is an expansion of those efforts.

"Sometimes it takes someone outside of our normal circle of friends and family to shine a light in our direction and help us along," he said. "As I set out on this bike ride and try to make the learning practical and fun, I hope to also show students that it takes commitment and effort, both mental and physical, to ac-

complish your goals."

The trip is supported by the Chickasaw Nation, TREK Bicycle Corporation, Pro Bike Inc. of Oklahoma City, American Indian Institute for Innovation (AII) and South Dakota Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate programs (GEARUP).

Log on to www.rocketrek.com and learn more about Mr. Herrington and his mission, track his progress on Google Earth, solve science problems related to the trek, view updated trip videos, photos, read his blog and post your own comments.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Herrington hopes to stop in Tishomingo for Chickasaw Festival

Plans are under way to welcome John Herrington to Tishomingo, Okla., during the Chickasaw Festival.

Ada, Okla., is one of the scheduled stops on Mr. Herrington's cross-country bike ride. He also has tentative plans to make a side trip to Tishomingo to take part in Chickasaw Festival activities.

His ride will take him through Oklahoma about midway through his 4,000-mile trek from Cape Flattery, Wash., to Cape Canaveral, Fla.

He expects the entire ride to take approximately three months.

He began his journey August 13, and by press time he had ridden more than 500 miles and made stops in the Makah Nation in Toppenish, Wash., and the Yakima Nation NASA Explorer School in Lewiston, Idaho.

At press time, plans were being developed for events in Ada and possibly in Tishomingo to welcome Mr. Herrington.

For more information as plans develop, visit www.chickaswa.net.

Below are the stops currently listed as part of John Herrington's Rocketrek bicycle ride across the U.S.

Cape Flattery, WA (Makah Nation) Toppenish, WA (Yakima

Nation,

NASA Explorer School) Lewiston, ID (Nez Perce Reservation) Missoula, MT (Flathead Reservation / NASA Explorer School)

Lodge Grass, MT (Crow Na-

tion)

Arapahoe, WY (Wind River Reservation / NASA Explorer School)

Colorado Springs, CO (NASA Explorer School)

Wichita, KS (NASA Explorer

School)

Ada, OK (Chickasaw Nation)

Sasakwa, OK (NASA Explorer School)

Hot Springs, AR (NASA Explorer School)

Choctaw, MS (Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians)

Tuskegee, AL (NASA Explorer School)

Gainesville, FL (NASA Explorer School)

Learning outside the classroom

Kids learn language through association with sports

The Chickasaw Nation Division of History and Culture used a unique combination of sports and language immersion to educate Chickasaw youth at the Himitta Alhiha Hochokoshkomo (The Youth Are Playing) Language Sports Camp, August 4-7, 2008.

"Kids don't want to learn language primarily in a classroom," said Cedric Sunray, Chickasaw Nation language curriculum developer. "This is a way for them to apply the language practically and view it apart from just culture and history."

Chickasaw students, grades one through 12, participated in various sports each day, including stickball, softball, volleyball and basketball. Chickasaw was spoken during the entire camp, encouraging participants to learn and use basic sports and team-related phrases and words.

"Even our basketballs were

printed in Chickasaw," Sunray said.

Randi Hurley, Vanoss, Okla., seventh grader, enjoyed the combination of sports and learning.

"It's easier for me to learn this way," she said. "I can see and touch the objects I'm naming, so I know what I'm dealing with."

Himitta Alhiha Hochokoshkomo Chickasaw Language Sports Camp, in its first year, is one of the many language programs offered by the tribe in an effort to revitalize and preserve their native language.

For more information on future Language Sports Camps or other language programs, contact the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center at (580) 272-5310.

Contributed by Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.



Cedric Sunray, Language Curriculum Developer, translates sports terms for a group of campers at the Himitta Alhiha Hochokoshkomo (The Youth Are Playing) Language Sports Camp. The camp, conducted Aug. 4-7 in Ada, used sports such as stickball and volleyball to help the students become more familiar with using the Chickasaw language.

Chickasaw Press introducing three books at Festival

'Edmund Pickens,' 'Picked Apart the Bones,' 'They Know Who They Are'

The Chickasaw Press has recently completed publication of three new books which will be released during the Chickasaw Festival.

The publications to be released include "*Edmund Pickens: First Elected Chickasaw Chief, His Family and Friends*," by Juanita J. Keel-Tate; "*Picked Apart the Bones*," by Rebecca Hatcher-Travis; and "*They Know Who They Are*," by Oklahoma Centennial project artist Mike Larsen and Martha Larsen.

In connection with the release of the Chickasaw Press' most recent publications, each author will be on hand to debut the books at a book signing October 2 at the Chickasaw Festival. The book signing will be in conjunction with the Arts and Cultural Awards. An additional book signing will be on the historic Chickasaw Capitol grounds October 4 following Gov. Bill Anoatubby's State of the Nation address.

The Harvard University Honoring Nations program recently honored the Chickasaw Press as an outstanding example of tribal governance programs. Two of the three books published by the Chickasaw Press since the Press was established have received extensive recognition.

"We are very pleased that our efforts to promote and preserve Chickasaw heritage and culture are being recognized by such a highly respected organization," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby.

"We are thrilled, because recognition from the Harvard University Honoring Nations organization is one of the highest accolades any tribal government can receive," said Amanda Cobb-Greetham, administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of History and Culture, which oversees operation of the Chickasaw Press.

The three recent publications detail Chickasaw history through story, poetry and art.

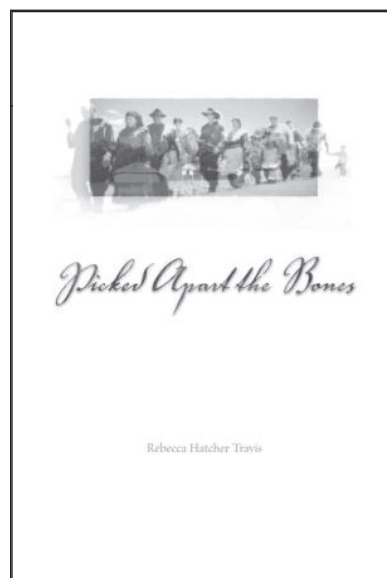
Gov. Anoatubby said the tribe commissioned the Chickasaw Press projects because "our elders, traditions and history are a national treasure and these projects are one way we can celebrate and honor them."

The first release, "*Edmund Pickens*" by Juanita J. Keel-Tate, is the story of the first elected Chickasaw

Chief, his family and friends. Mrs. Keel-Tate, a 98-year-old Chickasaw elder, is noted for her considerable knowledge of tribal history and culture. As the great-granddaughter of Edmund Pickens, she has devoted the last 47 years of her life to the research and writing of "*Edmund Pickens: First Elected Chickasaw Chief, His Family and Friends*." Mrs. Keel-Tate is a Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame member and has written various articles about Chickasaw history and people.

The book is set to be released in a hardbound edition, containing several historic black and white images, and an insightful look into the life and times of one of the most important

Chickasaw figures of the last 200 years. The book will be available through the Chickasaw



Press for \$20.

The Chickasaw Press has also published, "*Picked Apart the Bones*," by Rebecca Hatcher-Travis. This release is a sensitive volume of poetry that illustrates the unique cultural and familial experiences of a Chickasaw woman.

Rebecca Hatcher-Travis is an enrolled citizen of the Chickasaw Nation who was raised in the hills of Oklahoma. Her writing often reflects her Native American heritage and the natural world. Her published works have appeared in literary journals, anthologies, the Texas Poetry Calendar 2008 and the *Chickasaw Times*. She is a member of the Wordcraft Circle of Native Writers and

Storytellers, the Bay Area Writers League, the Gulf Coast Poets and the Poetry Society of Texas.

This volume of work is based on the author's unique Chickasaw family and cultural experiences. Rebecca Hatcher-Travis relates the writing of the book to the slow growing process of a pecan tree.

"It took a long time to develop," she said. "The seeds were planted in childhood and earth, and blossomed with family and love."

The book features the poem "*Picked Apart the Bones*," a 2006 First Book Award for Poetry winners from the Native Writer's Circle of the Americas.

Set to be released in hardbound edition, it contains colored photos, and a wide selection of the author's work. The book will be available through the Chickasaw Press for \$15.

The third release by the Chickasaw Press in August, "*They Know Who They Are*," is a collection of fine-art paintings and essays featuring Chickasaw elders by Oklahoma Centennial project artist Mike Larsen

and wife Martha Larsen. Mr. Larsen was commissioned by the Chickasaw Nation in 2004 to

capture the Chickasaw elders on canvas.

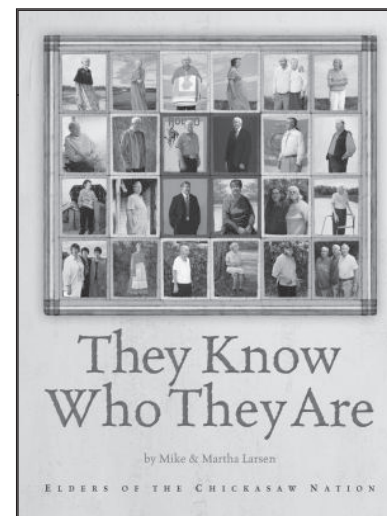
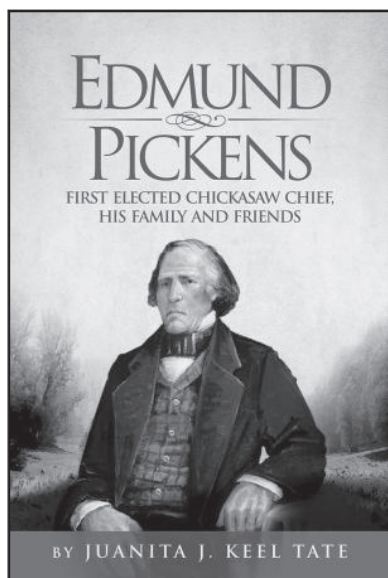
Mr. Larsen's vision was to create a series of paintings of currently living Elders. Accompanied by his wife and photographer, Martha, the artist

began not only a process for painting the series, but also a personal journey.

"Mr. Larsen did a tremendous job of capturing the strength of character, intense spirituality, superb sense of humor and other honorable characteristics exhibited by these unique individuals," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Our goal for this project was to create lasting symbols of our gratitude for the many contributions our elders have made to the tribe."

Set to be released in hardbound edition, it contains 46 black-and-white images, and 25 color images. The book will be available through the Chickasaw Press for \$25.

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Arts Academy students engage in disciplines of artistic expression

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities enjoyed another successful year igniting the creativity of students during the fourth annual Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy (CSAA).

"United We Thrive Through the Arts Journey" was the theme of this year's academy. More than 100 students ages eight to 19 flooded the East Central University campus to participate in the intensive two-week academy.

"The academy creates a greater awareness of our unique culture through the promotion of artistic expression and achievement," said Governor Bill Anoatubby.

During the academy, a dozen specialized instructors provided detailed and culturally-sensitive guidance in several disciplines including music composition, literary arts, visual arts, video production, vocal music, dance and drama.

"This is an opportunity for students interested in the arts to gain valuable experience from highly qualified and professional instructors in each field," said Lona Barrick, Division of Arts and Humanities administrator.

Classes were offered on two levels. Core classes are more specialized for advanced students who "major" in certain disciplines. The fine arts rotation allowed younger students to gain experience in several categories.

Each of the fine arts rotation students were assigned to one of five clans, including the Bird Clan, Raccoon Clan, Bear Clan, Panther Clan and Wolf Clan. In addition to friendships built within their clans, the young artists matured in familiar forms of their own artistic abilities as well as discovering new ones.

"What I like most is that I love

to be creative and arts academy makes me feel that way," said Zeb Hawkins of the Wolf Clan.

Instructors for the fine arts rotation were Rachel Benham, Dance; Krista Lynn Williams-Clark, Theatre; Laura Clark, Literary Arts; Eric Hardison, Visual Arts; and Mika Hinson, Vocal Music.

Dance majors spent their time exploring the history of dance, including native cultural dance. The dancers were under the direction of Cara Crawford, Central Oklahoma Dance Center director.

"I enjoy it because I'm learning so much more and I will be getting better at what I love," said Taylor Jordan, Dance major, of her experience.

The Literary Arts core group, under the direction of Jim Wilson from the University of

Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, focused on how to effectively convey surroundings, emotions and meanings by using the written word.

Chickasaw composer Jerod Tate led the Music Composition students in daily private lessons to explore their own talent and potential as composers.

Dylan Bennett found the composition class to be an outlet for his talent.

"It really opened new doors into music for me," he said.

Bret Jones, professor and director of theater at East Central University, helped the Theatre students learn acting techniques to build confidence and control when performing in front of an audience. Students also gained experience in production processes such as costuming, lights, props and set design.

Video Production majors

worked with Robbie Blair and Josh Newby, both employees of the Chickasaw Nation Multimedia Department, to gain hands-on experience in methods and practices of the modern video production world using state-of-the-art equipment.

Chickasaw Nation Art Instructor Trina Jones encouraged the Visual Arts majors to explore ideas, processes and materials influenced by Chickasaw and other Southeastern and Woodland cultures.

This year, Vocal Music majors focused on ear training and harmonization. Instructor Phillip Berryhill, Chickasaw Children's Choir conductor, also provided instruction in vocal music basics such as technique, breathing and music theory.

Several guest artists supplemented the instruction throughout the academy by offering knowledge and advice in their respective fields.

Brad Clonch, Chickasaw professional flutist, brought different flutes and demonstrated different types of sound and music on various instruments.

Chickasaw writer, storyteller and environmentalist Linda Hogan was on hand to offer advice on the written word. Chickasaw/Choctaw poet Philip Carroll Morgan shared his talent as well.

Lorie Robins, a traditional storyteller and employee of the Chickasaw Nation, presented her storytelling abilities to enhance the Academy through cultural stories that teach techniques in character development.

Margaret Roach Wheeler, Chickasaw textile artist gave demonstrations to academy students and allowed them to try weaving first-hand on her looms.

The academy wrapped with the CSAA Showcase, July 24 and 25 at ECU's Dorothy Summers Theatre.

During the showcase, a packed house was treated to a gallery walk and reception, featuring the visual art works as well as performances by the Theatre, Vocal Music and Dance Students. Video Production majors presented their mock trailer, "The B-Squad." Literary Arts students read excerpts from their works and a string quartet performed the works composed



Marcey Gray

Dance majors at the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy receive instruction on their technique. From foreground, Julia Smola, Nacobi Walker, Taylor Jordan, Saela Beninati and Carli Manuel.



Visual Arts student Ashley Smith focuses on her artwork during one of her classes.



Fine Arts Rotation students Dale Shackelford, Amanda Daniel, Allysa Blankenship and Sean Hall during a theatre class.

by the Music Composition students.

The admission process for CSAA begins each spring. For more information about future academies, log on to www.chickasaw.net

or contact the Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 332-1092.

Contributed by Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Applications now accepted for 2008 'Dynamic woman of the Year'

The Chickasaw Nation is now accepting nominations for the 2008 Dynamic Woman of the Year Award. All nominations and supporting documentation must be turned in to the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities by September 24, 2008.

Established in 2006, the award honors Chickasaw women who have made significant contributions to the tribe, have served as role-models to other Chickasaw women and who have made a difference in the lives of Chickasaws and other citizens, enriching their communities and society at large.

The Dynamic Woman of the Year Award salutes the contributions made to improving and enhancing the lives of others, professional accomplishments and dedication to preserving the cultural heritage of the Chickasaw Nation.

Chickasaw women of at least age 35, with proof of citizenship through Chickasaw Nation citizenship documentation or

Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) are eligible. Women who are currently serving as a Chickasaw elected official or in an appointed position of the tribal executive branch are not eligible.

Women who are considered for this award are those who are distinguished and are pioneers in their professional fields; those who have championed other women and women's issues; and those who exemplify and uphold Chickasaw values, culture and traditions.

The honoree will receive her award at the Chickasaw Arts and Culture Awards Ceremony Tuesday, October 2 in conjunction with the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival in Tishomingo, Okla.

Additional nomination forms and information can be obtained by calling the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

Contributed by Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Artists encouraged to enter Southeastern Art Show and Market

The application deadline for the 2008 Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM) in Tishomingo, Okla., has been extended to Monday, September 15.

More than \$5,000 in prize money will be awarded, including a \$1,000 cash prize for the Best In Show winner and \$1,000 in total prize money for Youth winners.

Adults and youth from any Southeastern or Woodland tribe are encouraged to enter the competition in the two-dimensional and three-dimensional categories.

Artists may enter up to two works per category up to a total of four entries.

The youth artist competition is open to students entering grades nine through 12 in the 2008-2009 school year.

Hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities during the tribe's 48th Annual Meeting and 20th Festival, the juried art com-

petition and market will be conducted Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 2-4 on the tribe's capitol grounds. The SEASAM art tent will be located near the Chickasaw Capitol Building at the intersection of 9th and Mickel Streets.

SEASAM art awards will be presented at 6 p.m., at the Arts and Culture Awards Ceremony and Reception on Thursday, Oct. 2, in Fletcher Auditorium on the campus of Murray State College in Tishomingo.

Participating artists will display their work in the SEASAM tent on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 3 and 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Application forms, entry rules and additional information can be found on the Chickasaw Nation website at www.chickasaw.net or by contacting the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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2008 Chickasaw Nation Dynamic Woman of the Year

Award Nomination Form

Deadline for nomination and supporting documents: Wednesday, September 24, 2008

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING ABOUT THE NOMINEE YOU WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS YEAR'S AWARD. Thank you for printing clearly.

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Address (if you know it): _____

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How long have you known the nominee? _____ ☐ years ☐ months

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On separate paper, please include a detailed description of:

- Reason for nominee's importance
- Past and present activities of the nominee
- Accomplishments, awards and/or special honors
- Outstanding contributions to family, community and/or Chickasaw Nation
- Short biographical information (may include resume, vitae, newspaper or magazine articles, or other information)
- A recent photograph (black & white or color; returned after final selection is made)

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Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts & Humanities
P.O. Box 1548
Ada, OK 74821

(580) 272-5525

For questions, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

Chickasaw Christmas cards available at Festival

Four aspiring Chickasaw artists will be marketing their self-designed Christmas cards at this year's Annual Meeting and Festival, Oct. 3-4 in Tishomingo, Okla.

Micah Hart, Addison Manning, Mercedes Milligan and Courtney Parchcorn attended a marketing and design class sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities.

The eight-week course, led by graphic arts and design coordinator Rachel Westmoreland, helped the young artists develop the skills they will need in developing and marketing their own artwork in the future.

Meeting once a week, the students acquired hands-on experience in every level of the design and marketing process of their Christmas cards, including conception, creation, promotion and distribution.

These cards will be released

and available for sale at the Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM) tent which will be located on the Chickasaw Capitol grounds at the intersection of 9th and Mickel Streets.

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Chickasaw Citizen

Office without windows led to career change

Chickasaw artist found outlet through Scout camps



Jerry Underwood working on his handmade bead loom at his home in Milburn, Okla. Mr. Underwood was recently honored with an exhibit at the Chickasaw Council House Museum.

It all started with a package of Shredded Wheat.

That's where Chickasaw artist Jerry Underwood got his first instructions for creating Native American art.

"They used to put 'how-tos' on the cardboard layers between the shredded wheat," he said. "They'd show you how to make flint spears and moccasins. It was really neat."

More than 60 years later, Mr. Underwood is still honing his skills as an artist and has done everything from woodcarving to silversmithing. Most notably, however, is his affinity for beadwork.

The son of a full-blood Chickasaw, Mr. Underwood has always, in one way or another, sought to learn more about his heritage.

"I always wanted to know more about my ancestry," he said. "I was so proud to be Chickasaw."

After serving 20 years in the U.S. Air Force, he studied art and Indian studies at various institutions, including the Institute of American Indian Art in Sante Fe. Ultimately, he earned his degree in Art with minors in Indian Studies and Sociology from Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

He then worked at Tinker Air Force Base in Midwest City, Okla., in the procurement department, a position that proved to be ill-suited for his naturalistic tendencies.

"There were no windows," he said. "I was in an office all of the time...I wanted to get outside."

Council House exhibit to feature work of Jerry Underwood

Jerry Underwood has recently been honored with his own exhibit at the Chickasaw Council House Museum.

"Mr. Underwood is really an asset to the tribe," said museum director Ann Fink.

This exhibit, expected to be in place in time for the Annual Meeting and Festival, will showcase Mr. Underwood's life and works.

"I had no idea that this was in the works," he said. "When they told me, I was in shock."

Over the years, Mr. Underwood has donated several items to the Council House Museum

which will also be featured in the exhibit.

Mr. Underwood's exhibit will be replacing major league baseball player Euel "Monk" Moore's exhibit. The late Mr. Moore, a Chickasaw, was a major league pitcher who played for the New York Giants and the Philadelphia Phillies in the 1930's. The materials in the Moore exhibit will be on loan to the Oklahoma Sports Museum in Guthrie, Okla.

For more information on the exhibit, contact the Chickasaw Council House Museum at (580)371-3351.

While in the service, Mr. Underwood was stationed in the Philippines. There, he had the opportunity to work with the Boy Scouts of the Philippines.

"I remembered how much I enjoyed working with them," he said, "so I contacted the district committee of the Boy Scouts and made a list of all the camps I might be able to work at."

He began to work with the Boy Scouts of America, accepting the position as scout master and program director at Camp Simpson at Bromide, Okla. After that, he accepted a position with the Girl Scouts of America and relocated to Camp Red Rock near Anadarko, Okla.

While at Red Rock, Mr. Underwood served as a guide for nature walks, star gazing and arts and crafts classes.

In 1989, he was asked if he would like to move to Ohio to work at another Girl Scout camp.

"It took some deliberation," he said, "but finally we decided to give it a try."

At Camp Whip-Poor-Will in Morrow, Ohio, Mr. Underwood became the director of outdoor and Native American programs. He led classes in Native American culture and history, including the art of beading.

"Back then, in Ohio, the Chickasaw tribe was not too well-known," he said. "But I got to share a little bit of my culture with them."

After a year of working in Ohio, he moved back to Oklahoma. That summer, he saw an ad for seasonal guides at the Chickasaw National Recreation Area in Sulphur, Okla. He applied for and got the position. Three years later, he was hired as the full-time park ranger. He served in this capacity until his retirement in 1999.

These days, Mr. Underwood and his wife, Eileen, keep a busy

schedule filled with beadwork, silversmithing and moccasin-making demonstrations and lessons. He has become a fixture at the Chickasaw Festival and he is active in both the Tishomingo and Connerville senior sites, patiently sharing his talent with anyone willing to learn.

"These people are just like family," he said. "I never get tired of teaching them."

He serves on the Johnston County Chickasaw community council and still finds time to visit schools across Oklahoma to talk about Native American culture and to do demonstrations.

"I've been doing beading for decades and I still love it as much as when I started," he said. "It's because it's part of my heritage that I enjoy it so much more."

Contributed by Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Young Honor Guardsman pleased to put training to work on behalf of veterans



Ray Orphan

Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard Member Ray Orphan is one of the youngest of the group. But he still holds tightly the purpose of the Honor Guard: to commemorate the lives of fellow veterans.

"It feels good to serve them," he said. "It's good to recognize the service they've given to their country."

Mr. Orphan grew up in Ada, Okla., and graduated from Byng High School in 1989. During his senior year, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps' delayed entry program and entered boot camp after graduation.

After basic training at the Marine Corps Recruitment Depot in San Diego, Mr. Orphan went to

Albany, Georgia and was trained in the military occupational specialty area of supply and warehouse administrations and operations.

His skills in this area took him to Okinawa, Japan and eventually to Saudi Arabia to be a part of Operation Desert Storm. While there, he worked with local vendors to purchase supplies for his camp.

"It was hot!" he said.

"But talking to those guys about their backgrounds and culture was amazing."

Mr. Orphan returned to Oklahoma in 1993 and worked as a surveyor and for Apex Composites. He was hired by the Chicka-

saw Nation in 2003 as a supply technician and now works as a property technician. In this capacity, he is responsible for managing and cataloging tribal property, including everything from cameras for the Multimedia department to radios for the Lighthouse Police.

He joined the Honor Guard in 2004 and uses his expertise to serve as the quartermaster, the officer in charge of supplies and uniforms.

Mr. Orphan and his wife LaTonia live in Ada and have two children, Rodrick, 6 and LaKala, 3.

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tion, travel expenses such as airfare, hotel and per diem will be provided for you. If you are a college or high school student and either currently majoring in or considering studying in one of the fields above, then this conference is for you.

If you are interested in attending this event or would

like more information, please contact Ms. Deborah Hook, at (580) 421-7711. You may also visit the AISES website at www.aises.org to learn more about the organization and upcoming conference.

Contributed by Brooke Tidwell, tribal media relations.

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Historical Society honors board, advisory council members

The Chickasaw Historical Society welcomed new board members and honored outgoing board members at a meet-and-greet luncheon hosted August 12 at the Chickasaw Community Center.

"It is exciting to see how we are maintaining the link between our history and our present," said Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel at the opening of the luncheon.

"We are here today to honor the continuity and commitment of these individuals who focus on keeping history alive," said Amanda Cobb-Greetham, administrator of the tribal Division of History and Culture. "We want to make sure that all Chickasaw citizens, from the youngest up, grow up knowing who they are and who they were."

Incoming members recognized were Steven Bond, tribal ethnobotanist; Dinah Worcester, Division of History and Culture genealogy collections manager; Lisa Impson, tribal Division of Justice assistant attorney general; Mary Hartley, Division of Arts and Humanities special projects assistant; Dr. Timothy Baugh, Division of History and Culture archeological collec-

tions manager; Debbie Jackson, Chickasaw Nation Health System customer relations director; Adam Stafford, Division of Treasury project manager; and Michael Cornelius, program developer for the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Resources Department.

These new members join Kennedy Brown, Pat Woods and Pauline Brown to compose the current CHS Board of Directors.

Outgoing CHS board members who were honored and will now serve on the advisory council were Overton "Buck" Cheadle, J. Wenonah Gunning, Matt Morgan, Robert Perry, Johnna Walker, Glenda Galvan and Jeannie Barbour.

The Chickasaw Historical Society was established in April of 1994 and continues to fulfill its mission of promoting, preserving, and protecting our culture and family traditions.

For more information on the Chickasaw Historical Society, including on how to join, contact the Division of History and Culture at (580)310-6477.

Contributed by Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw engineering student gains valuable experience during internship



Garrett Martin

Chickasaw engineering student Garrett Martin gained valuable experience as a summer intern for the global diversified company. Mr. Martin worked at the 3M facility in Valley, Nebraska.

Throughout the 11-week internship with 3M, Mr. Martin served as an optimized operations intern. 3M is a worldwide technology and science-based company that produces thousands of unique products for health care, highway safety, office products and optical films, and much more.

During his experience with 3M, Mr. Martin worked on three major projects within the company. He collected data on defective respirators, developed a new workstation for bagging and labeling products and helped implement a new cost-effective packaging system.

"Through my internship experience, I learned that I love

working in a manufacturing plant," said Mr. Martin, an engineering student at the University of Oklahoma. "Being able to move around, get operator input and make an impact on a particular process made going to work enjoyable.

"I also learned that one of the biggest keys in working for a company such as 3M is building relationships. Having tact and confidence in what you are doing goes a long way."

Mr. Martin discovered the opportunity to intern with 3M through the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) conference in November 2007. He was one of several Chickasaw students chosen to attend the AISES conference.

"The most valuable part of the conference was the career fair where hundreds of employers and schools were recruiting for interns, permanent hires and prospective students," Mr. Martin said. "I went up to the 3M booth and threw out a few engineering terms and they called me back for an interview."

Mr. Martin will graduate from OU in 2010 with a degree in industrial engineering.

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Education provides opportunities for Chickasaw students to receive hands-on experience in their fields of

interest through an internship program. The program exposes Chickasaw students to new environments and allows opportunities to develop business and professional contacts, while gaining valuable work experience for future employment.

The program encourages students to explore career opportunities in several areas. Students are able to specify internship interests according to their college majors. The Division of Education works to coordinate an internship that best fulfills the student's needs. Each selected student is provided a six- to eight-week internship opportunity, a weekly stipend, one round-trip airline ticket to the intern site and housing accommodations.

To qualify for the program, applicants must complete an intern application and submit all documentation to the Chickasaw Nation Internship program coordinator. Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 25 and be full-time Chickasaw college students enrolled as a sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student.

For more information, contact the Internship coordinator Cheneae Lippard at (580) 436-0877, cheneae.lippard@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net.

Contributed by Brooke Tidwell, tribal media relations.

Ada's National Night Out focuses on crime prevention

ADA, Okla. - The residents of Ada took a stand against crime during National Night Out, conducted August 5 on the campus of East Central University (ECU).

The annual event is co-hosted by the Chickasaw Nation and ECU and this year drew an estimated 500 people during the evening.

Participants learned not only about crime prevention, but recycling, good nutrition, foster care and fire safety and other important issues at the 40 informational booths.

The crowd also enjoyed hot dogs, pop corn and bottled water, along with games and face painting.

Riker Armstrong, a second grader from Ada, said he enjoyed the rock climbing wall

and the moon bounce the most. It was his first time to participate in National Night Out.

"I like the football toss," said Dalton Dail, an Ada 13-year-old.

"We are proud to team up with ECU each year to host this event," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "National Night Out promotes positive interaction among the youth and law enforcement, and helps promote community spirit."

The event kicked off with a National Night Out proclamation from Ada Mayor Barbara Young and a welcome by ECU

president Dr. Richard Rafes.

The Chickasaw Princesses also welcomed the crowd with a performance of "The Lord's Prayer" and the tribal honor guard posted the colors just prior to the Pledge of Allegiance.

Young members of the Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts program and local musicians entertained the crowd throughout the evening.

National Night Out is a nationwide crime and drug prevention event introduced by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) in 1984. The event serves as a means to increase participation in neighborhood watch programs, and is designed to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

In 2007, more than 500 community members attended the Ada event, making the local NNO effort one of the largest in the state, and it also garnered a national award by the NATW. In all, over 35 million people participated in National Night Out 2007 in all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.



Jessica John, of Ada, was one of the approximately 500 attendees at National Night Out, conducted Aug. 5 in Ada. The local event, sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation and East Central University is one of the largest of its kind in the state.

Chickasaw Nation Health System receives accreditation from Joint Commission

The Chickasaw Nation Health System has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval™ by demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission's national standards for health care quality and safety.

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission is dedicated to continuously improving the safety and quality of the nation's health care through voluntary accreditation.

According to the Joint Commission, there are several Benefits of accreditation and certification including:

- Strengthening community confidence in the quality and safety of care, treatment and services
- Providing a competitive edge in the marketplace
- Improving risk management and risk reduction
- Providing education on good practices to improve business operations
- Providing professional

advice and counsel, enhancing staff education

- Enhancing staff recruitment and development
- Accreditation is recognized by select insurers and other third parties
- Possibility of fulfilling regulatory requirements in select states

The Joint Commission's on-site survey of the Chickasaw Nation Health System occurred in June.

"Above all, the national standards are intended to stimulate continuous, systematic and organization-wide improvement in an organization's performance and the outcomes of care," said Darlene Christiansen, executive director, Hospital Accreditation Program, Joint Commission. "The community should be proud that Chickasaw Nation Health System is focusing on the most challenging goal -- to continuously raise quality and safety to higher levels."

Bill Lance, Chickasaw Nation Health System administrator, spoke of his pride in a staff whose members ask what needs to be done to be accredited by The Joint Commission.

"In addition, CNHS and staff appreciate the educational aspect of the survey and the opportunity to interact with the team of surveyors," Mr. Lance said. "The accreditation is proof of an organization-wide commitment to provide quality care on an ongoing basis."

"The Chickasaw Nation is proud to receive accreditation through the Joint Commission," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "It is because of our employees who strive daily, through hard work and dedication, to make sure each patient receives the highest quality care that we receive this recognition."

Contributed by Karissa Pickett, tribal media relations.



Chickasaw Nation martial arts students Shane, left, and Cade Skinner, of Purcell, Okla., do some "fish-ing" at one of the 44 booths at National Night Out.

Chickasaw student graduates from Cal State-Fullerton with music degree



Matthew Ballard

Chickasaw student Matthew Ballard, son of Michael and Sharon Ballard, graduated from California State University-Fullerton in May 2008.

Mr. Ballard received his bachelor's degree in music education and jazz commercial music. He graduated with cum laude honors.

Mr. Ballard received the John Phillip Sousa National Award and the High School Directors Award. He was part of the Rose Parade Honor Band and the Disney College All-State Band. He was also a member of the Glen Miller Touring Orchestra.

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Team Chickasaw golfers capture Native Youth Golf Championship honors

THACKERVILLE, Okla. - Each member of tribal youth golf team Team Chickasaw took home a trophy from the 2008 First Nations Golf Association (FNGA) National Native Youth Golf Championship, at WinStar Golf Course August 17, 18 and 19.

Nineteen young golfers from across the country participated in the event, representing the Coushatta, Choctaw, Comanche, Oneida, Pottawatomie, Cochiti and Chickasaw tribes.

The championship was hosted by FNGA and was played in Oklahoma for the first time.

Tribal youth compete at regional meets to qualify for this tournament.

Team Chickasaw made a respectable showing at the three-day tournament, with two players of the quartet earning first in their divisions, one winning second and one placing third.

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Bryceson Lance, of Sulphur, Okla., placed first in the Eagle division (ages 17-18) with a score of 68, making tournament history by capturing the fourth first place title in the National Native Youth Golf Championship.

Ardmore, Okla., placed first in the Thunderbird division (ages 12 and under) with a score of 81.

Bryceson made tournament history by capturing the fourth first-place title in the National Native Youth Golf Championship, making him a four-time National Champion.

The 18-year-old won in New Mexico tournaments twice in 2002 and 2003, Florida in 2004, placed second in California in 2005, and fourth in Colorado in

2006. There was no national tournament in 2007.

He ends his career as a member of Team Chickasaw with a win in his native Chickasaw Nation.

Bryceson credits members of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family camps and recreation staff members for their guidance.

"They always encouraged me to play my best and stood behind me," Bryceson said. "I want to thank them for their constant support."

Also in the Eagle division, Bradley Uhles, of Paoli, Okla., placed third with a 77 and Tyler McCollum, of Tishomingo, Okla., earned second place in the Hawk Division with a score of 80.

Both Tyler, 16, and Austin, 12, played in the national tournament for the first time this year.

"I had a good time," said Tyler, as he practiced chipping after the tournament.

Tyler began playing on the Tishomingo High School team

last year as a freshman.

He plans to be back at next year's national tournament, which is expected to be hosted once again at WinStar.

"I loved it and I plan to play next year," Austin said.

Although rainy August weather caused a few delays, most players reported a successful round of golf.

Alex McDonald, a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi tribe, traveled with a group of four players from the Topeka, Kansas area to play in the event.

Alex has participated every year for six years and enjoyed his time at WinStar's new course.

"Everyone is really nice here and I like the course," he said.

He scored first in his division, 15-16 year-old, with a 79.

Along with the tournament play, a career education fair and golf clinic were conducted.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.



Team Chickasaw Youth Golf Team made a good showing at the 2008 FNGA National Native Golf Championship. From left, Tyler McCollum, Tishomingo, Okla., second place in the 13-14 division; Bradley Uhles, Paoli, Okla., third place in the 17-18 division; Bryceson Lance, Sulphur, Okla., first place in the 17-18 division; and Austin McNeill, Ardmore, Okla., first place in the 12 and under division.

Mike McKee

Numerous tribes represented

First Nations tourney hosted by WinStar

Immediately upon the conclusion of the National Native Youth Golf Championship, WinStar Golf Course hosted 28 Native golfers at the First Nations Golf Association (FNGA) Championship.

Players represented tribes including Navajo, Oneida, the Nez Perce Nation and Saginaw Chippewa, to name a few.

Six members of the Barona tribe, located near San Diego, drove 22 hours to Oklahoma to play in the tournament.

Eli Vicaldo began playing as a junior as the younger players at the National Native Golf Championship, and now follows the FNGA. This is his third tournament this year.

FNGA's goal is to introduce and promote the game of golf among Indian people, especially youth, throughout the United States and Canada. FNGA is committed to making social and economic contributions to Indian and Native Communities

by exemplifying the rewards, honor, and integrity of golf, said Jayson Ray, FNGA executive director.

The association strives to promote Native Americans by seeking out Native artists and sculptors to design its awards. FNGA has also established a scholarship fund for Native youth who have a passion for golf.

"We want everyone to benefit from what we do," said FNGA board member Steve McDonald.

Upcoming plans for the organization include a television magazine show about host golf courses, and an on-line handicap program.

Other plans include to host the National Native Youth Championship at WinStar Golf Course in 2009.

For more information about the FNGA, log on to www.fnga.net or email jray@fnga.net.



Birthdays



Heath Hook

Heath Hook celebrated his 7th birthday July 17, 2008. He celebrated with a Transformer pool party at his home in Pontotoc, Okla.

Heath had a very successful kindergarten year. He will be a first grader at Hayes (OK) Elementary. Heath was on the Upward Basketball program where his team did very well and he scored a lot of points.

Heath is the son of Michael and Deborah Hook of Pontotoc, and grandson of Lonnie and Ruth Shelley and Betty Martin

of Tishomingo, Okla.

We're very proud of you, Bub. Have a great school year!



Kaylee Davis



Stoney Cully

Chickasaw cousins, **Kaylee Davis** and **Stoney Cully** celebrated their second birthday at G.W. Exotic Animal Park at Wynnewood, Okla. Kaylee and Stoney turned two on August 14, 2008.

Kaylee Davis is the daughter of Billy and Michele Davis of Ada, Okla., and the sister of Macyee Davis. She is the granddaughter of Virgil and Ramona Walker, of Allen, Okla., and Esther and Clay Steen of Oklahoma City. She is the great-granddaughter of Pauline Walker, Ada.

Stoney Cully is the daughter of Jeremiah Cully and Melissa Walker, of Allen, Okla., and the sister of Sunzie, Taylor and Quinton.

She is the granddaughter of Virgil and Ramona Walker, Allen, and Vernie Cully, of Konawa, Okla. She is the great-granddaughter of Pauline Walker, Ada, and Richmond and Mary Cully, Konawa.



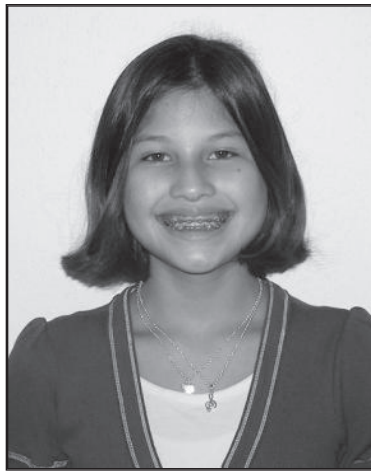
**Diamond
Easley-Harrison**

Diamond Danielle Easley-Harrison celebrated her first birthday July 24, 2008.

We can't believe it is already been a year! You kept us all busy all the time. It was a fun year. We love you so much.

Love,

Mommy, Daddy, Papa, Nana, Mimi, Grumpy, Aunt Stephy, Uncle Jim, Madison, Natalie, Charley, Chelsea, Boo, Aric and Chris



Mikayla Hook

Mikayla Hook recently celebrated her 12th birthday July 22, 2008. She celebrated with a High School Musical pool party at her home in Pontotoc, Okla.

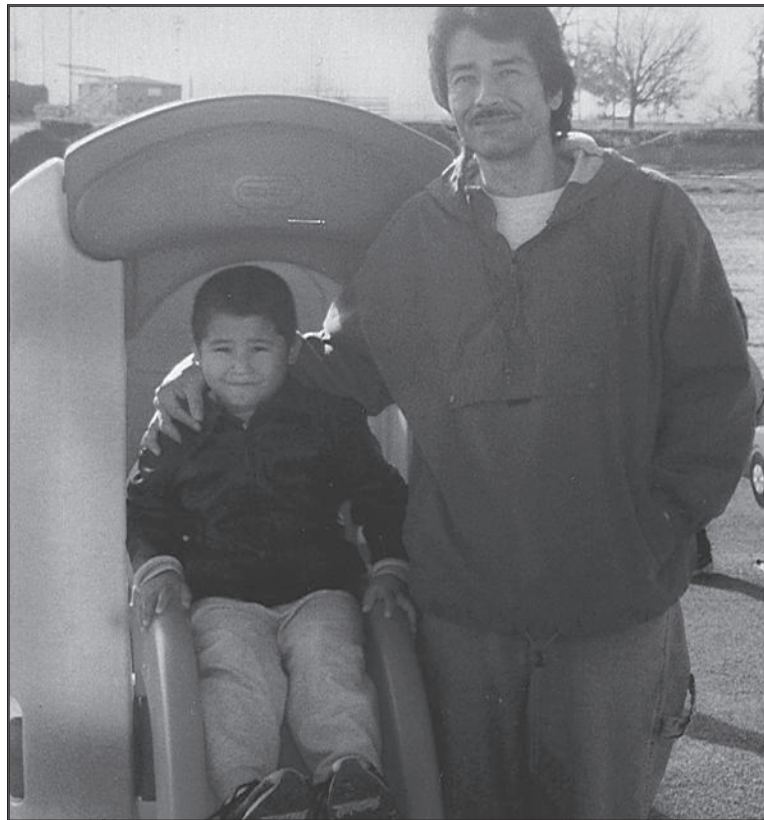
Mikayla just completed a very successful fifth grade year at Willard (OK) Elementary. She was a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club and competed in the Upward Basketball program, in which her team almost had an undefeated season. Mikayla also participated in track this year. She ran the 400-meter run and placed several times in the

800 meter run. She also placed first in the mile relay in two track meets.

During the summer, Mikayla participated in two East Central University basketball camps. She received numerous certificates including Overall Best Shooter, Best Side-to Side-Shooter, Best Left-handed Lay-up, Knock-Out Champion, Best Right-Handed Lay-up and Hot Shot Contest Winner.

Mikayla is the daughter of Michael and Deborah Hook of Pontotoc, and granddaughter of Lonnie and Ruth Shelley and Betty Martin of Tishomingo, Okla.

We're very proud of you, Mikayla, and you're a joy to watch in everything you do!



Luke Wright with his Dad, David Wright

Luke Wright will celebrate his eighth birthday Sept. 25, 2008.

Dear Son,

Daddy loves and misses you so much. I pray for you everyday son, and hope you all the best on your birthday.

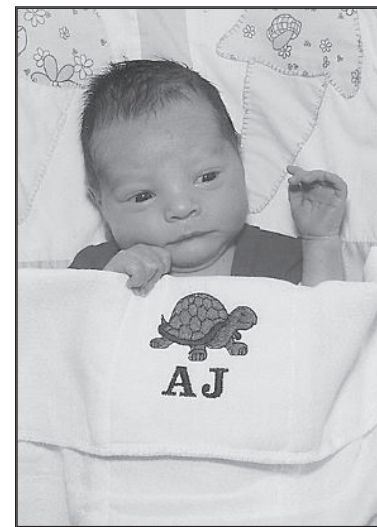
Love always,

Dad

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Births



Allen James Gordon

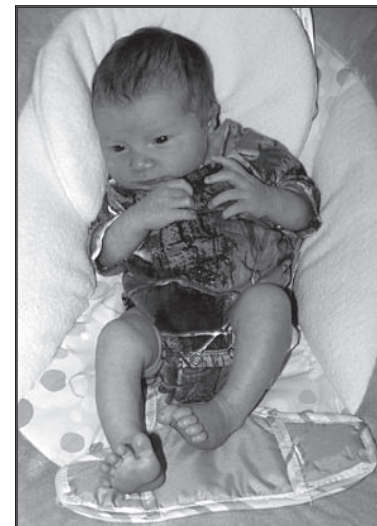
Noah Gordon is proud to announce the birth of his baby brother, **Allen James "AJ" Gordon**.

AJ was born at 10:48 a.m. on June 21, 2008 at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, Ada, Okla. He weighed 6 lbs., and measured 18 inches at birth.

What a wonderful birthday gift for his father.

Parents are Daniel and Cheri Gordon, of Sulphur, Okla. Paternal grandparents are Jack and Billye Gordon, of Sulphur and maternal grandparents are the late Russell and Donna Bellefeuille.

Maternal great-grandparents are Vi Seeley, of Sulphur and the late Ben Seeley.



Brycen Rhay Smith

Brycen Rhay Smith was born Aug. 5, 2008 at 5:36 p.m. at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility in Ada, Okla.

He weighed 7 lbs., 13.7 oz., and measured 20 inches at birth.

Brycen is the son of Brute and Chrissy Smith of Ada.

He is the grandson of Richie and Tina Pogue and Hershel and Debbie Smith, all of Ada.



Chickasaw girl takes first in cattle judging at KC Hereford Expo



Blakelee Hayes, right, at the National Junior Livestock Expo. From left, Jill Harvie, Cole Harvie, Rindy Bacon and Blakelee Hayes.

Blakelee Hayes attended the National Junior Hereford Livestock Expo in Kansas City, July 12-17, 2008.

At this year's Junior Nationals there were more than 1,100 youth in attendance from across the United States. During the week there were several activities in which the youth were able to participate.

In addition to her livestock exhibits, Blakelee participated in the showmanship and cattle judging contests. It was a great year for Blakelee as she won

first in individual cattle judging, and third in team judging. She also walked away with two class winners in the junior livestock show.

Blakelee is the daughter of Jeff and Jennifer Hayes, of Ada, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Esteline Francis, of Moore, Okla., and Joann Hayes of Konawa, Okla.

Blakelee attends Latta Elementary School where she is in the third grade and is a proud member of the Chickasaw Nation.

Tulsa Gathering



From left, Angie White, Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Kathy Royce at a recent gathering in Tulsa.

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Chickasaw girls show champion pigs at Texas summer show



Danielle Taylor



Dixie Taylor

This summer two Chickasaw Nation Youth exhibited Grand Champion placings at the Texas Junior Livestock Association's summer show.

Danielle Taylor, a senior at Bullard (TX) High School, won the Grand Champion Overall Pig at the Belt Buckle Bonanza in Waco, on July 4, 2008. She also had the Reserve Champion Duroc pig.

Her sister, Dixie Taylor, an eighth grader at Bullard Middle

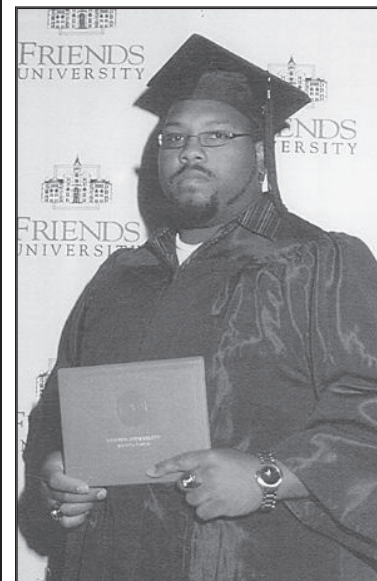
School, exhibited the Champion Hampshire pig and third overall at the Belt Buckle Bonanza.

The girls showed among 500 other pigs that day.

The girls youngest sister, Delaney, three-years-old, also got to show in her very first show.

Danielle, Dixie and Delaney are the daughters of Todd and Gina Taylor and the granddaughters of Joe and Jenny Roberts, Lone Grove, Okla.

Humphrey earns bachelor's degree from Friends University



Omar M. Humphrey, III

Omar M. Humphrey, III is a 2008 graduate of Friends University, Wichita, Kan. He earned a bachelor's degree in art.

He is the son of Loretta and Omar Humphrey, Jr. He is the grandson of the late Earnest A. McGee and Ruby Faye McGee, the late Omar Humphrey, Sr., and Gladys R. Devlin. He is the great-grandson of the late Florence and Ira Belle McGee.

Mr. Humphrey was on the Athletic Director's Honor Roll from 2006 to 2008. He was awarded the Newcomer of the Year award in football, named All Conference in track and field for two years, lettered in football and track and field for two years, named All American in football for two years and first team All Conference in football for two years.

Marris family reunion set for Sept. 26-28 at Lake Murray

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For more information contact Phil Marris (580) 223-7134, Eddie Gillespie (580) 657-2909, or Henry Marris, Jr. (580) 222-7580.

Bring Photos!



Chickasaw religion writer pens 'Witness to the Truth'



Louis Moore

A Chickasaw reporter and columnist has recently published a book based on his experiences covering and interacting with the church.

Louis Moore served as religion editor at the Houston Chronicle from 1972 to 1986. He later served as editor of the Plano (TX) Star Courier, then as director of media and products for the Christian Life Commission, a part of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The newly-published book, "Witness to the Truth," is subtitled "Lessons learned by a veteran journalist within the Southern Baptist Convention." The book identifies 26 core

"truths" that apply to a variety of religious groups. Mr. Moore draws parallels among the subjects, which are designed to help the reader better under his own local church, and his role in it.

Mr. Moore is recognized as a premier religious journalist. In addition to this general-circulation newspaper experience, he has worked as an editor, denominational journalist, church trustee and religious book publisher.

He is a past president of the Religion Newswriters Association.

"Witness" seeks to weave insightful threads among Baptists, Catholics, Presbyterians, Methodists, and even Jews, Buddhists and others. In the book, anecdotes present the church as an authentically human institution, but one that the author says God still utilizes for His ongoing purposes.

"Witness" is available in hardback for \$34.95. The paperback version is \$19.95.

The book is available through online bookstores, including amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com

For more information, go to www.hannibalbooks.com or call 1-800-747-0738.

Help us update our military list!

The Chickasaw Nation is updating the military database for those on active duty and stationed away from home. If you know of a Chickasaw you would like to add to the list or update their address, please contact Joy Barrick in the public affairs department at (580) 310-6451 or email joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.

Customer Survey Winner

Congratulations to Michael Burch of Ft. Worth for winning out quarterly customer service survey \$100 prize!

Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey will have the opportunity to win \$100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey by going to the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

Once you have completed the survey, you can enter the \$100 giveaway. The \$100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in the *Chickasaw Times*.

Chickasaw pitcher earns MVP at Western Region national championship



Dallas Sealey

A Chickasaw ballplayer has recently received a Most Valuable Player award for his performance in a national championship series.

Dallas Sealey, 12, turned in an outstanding pitching performance during the 12-and-under Super Series Western Region National Championship, played July 12-18 in Colorado Springs. Dallas pitched for the champion Altus Reds.

The Reds lost the first two games of pool play by 9-8 and 10-9 scores, but rallied for an

8-6 win over Las Cruces, N.M. to qualify for bracket play.

The Reds went on to win three consecutive bracket games by 5-4, 13-10 and 7-4.

Dallas pitched throughout the tournament, including the championship game, which the Reds won 15-7 over the Bryan (TX) Owls.

Dallas is the son of Sandra Sealey, of Ada, Okla., and John Lavender, of Lawton, Okla. His grandparents are Leonard and Margie Sealey, of Marlow, Okla.

Vannostran, Bralley to exchange vows



Glenroy Bralley and Darla Vannostran

Darla Dee Vannostran and Glenroy Bralley will exchange wedding vows October 17, 2008 at Bethesda Assembly of God in Oklahoma City.

The bride is the daughter of Orban and Peggy Vannostran, of Oklahoma City. She was born and raised in Oklahoma City where she attended school in Moore and graduated. She also attended college in Texas, where she graduated.

She currently owns D. Dee Inc., and Aimee' Florist and Catering in Oklahoma City.

Her hobbies include serving as team leader for the Sooner Sensations Show Chorus of Sweet Adeline's International. She is also a member of the Women of the South Organization and Delta Phi Sorority.

The bride has one son, Darrell Vannostran, of Oklahoma City.

The groom is the son of the late Glen and Minnie Cravatt Bralley. His birth parents are the late Odecia (Tippie) Alexander Benson and Lem Johnson. He was born in Lawton, Okla., and is a full blood Chickasaw. He

was raised in Oklahoma City where he graduated from Southeast High School and served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

He is currently employed at Southern Nazarene University in Oklahoma City. The groom has one daughter, Kayla Bralley, of Midwest City.

The proud couple plans to reside in Oklahoma City.

Chickasaw Foundation scholarship extended

The Chickasaw Foundation has announced the extension of the *Division on Aging Scholarship*. The new deadline will be September 19 and is for any Chickasaw full-time student, in junior or senior year, attending an accredited four-year college or university.

Students must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Students must be majoring in a health field related to geriatrics/gerontology or other fields of study such as nursing, social work, physical therapy, M.D., and psychiatry or a field approved by the Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees and possess a desire to work with the elderly or aging.

The award for this scholarship is \$1,000 (\$500 per semester.) If you are interested in a copy of the scholarship application, please contact our office at (580) 421-9030.



Student enters University of Oklahoma following exceptional high school career



Ahren Kerwood

Ahren Kerwood is a 2008 graduate of Vidor High School, Vidor, Texas. He is the son of Scott and Alissa Kerwood. He is the grandson of W.T. and Joan Chase Speaks. His great-grandparents Abel D. Chase and Willie Johnson Chase, are on the original Dawes Roll.

Ahren was a member of the Key Club, treasurer of the National Honor Society and Envi-

ronmental Science Club. He is a member of VHS wind ensemble and Mighty Pirate Marching Band; participating in the Stark Contest and Young Life. He was on the UIL ready writing, science, math teams and a participant of Math Fest.

He was an 'A' honor roll student through all of his education and is a member of the Chickasaw Nation Governor's Honor Society. He received the Rotary Youth Leadership Award and in 2007 was in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program in Germany. In 2006 he attended the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. as a member of Boy Scouts 220. He was awarded a den chief award, Order of the Arrow, and God and Country and earned the Boy Scout highest honor, Eagle Scout, in 2005. He is a first-degree black belt in karate.

He has served children with cancer through Heartbeats of Hope for 10 years and is a member of the First United Methodist

Church where he participates in Youth Fellowship. He has served Blue Santa, The Christian Care Center and local blood drives.

His scholarships include the Chickasaw Nation Governor's Scholarships, American Legion, Heartbeats of Hope, Voice of Democracy, Oklahoma University, Oklahoma University President's Community Scholars Advantage Scholarship, Oklahoma University Tuition Waver and Legacy Scholars Scholarship, Lt., William Johnson Scott Scholarship, and the Oklahoma University American Indian Scholars Award.

The senior class voted him "Most Likely to Succeed."

His interests are studying foreign cultures and languages, politics, history and computer technology and international affairs.

Ahren hopes to also obtain a degree in International Studies and pursue his studying abroad to earn a master's and doctorate degrees and possibly law.

Girls compete on national championship softball team



Christian Brauning, left, and Sierra Brown.

Two Chickasaw girls recently completed play with a national champion softball team.

Christian Brauning and Sierra Brown played for the Whatever Softball Team, of Seminole, Okla., during July's U.S. Softball Association national tournament in Clovis, N.M. The team played in the 8-and-under recreational division.

Christian is the daughter of Jason and Sally Brauning. Her

grandparents are Roman and Dora Hill, and Jimmy and Kay Brauning. Her great-grandmother is Helen Leader.

Sierra is the daughter of Wendy Harrison and Greg Brown. Her grandparents are William and Carol Harrison, Linda Brown and Albert Burdine. Her great-grandparents are Charlene Hulsey, Juanita Brown and Mentora Hood.

Chickasaw ballplayer at Softball World Series



Katie Newton

A Chickasaw girl has recently participated in the Little League Softball World Series in Portland, Oregon.

Kathryn "Katie" Newton was a member of the softball team representing Oregon District 4. The tournament was played August 7-13.

Six U.S. teams were entered in the tournament. Also playing were teams from Canada, EMEA (Italy), Asia Pacific (Philippines), and Latin America (Puerto Rico).

Katie's team finished the tournament with a 2-3 record. This is the second time Katie's team has qualified for the World Series.

Katie is the daughter of Jim and Jessie Newton, of Aloha, Ore., and the granddaughter of Tom and Barbara Halsell, of Hatch, N.M.

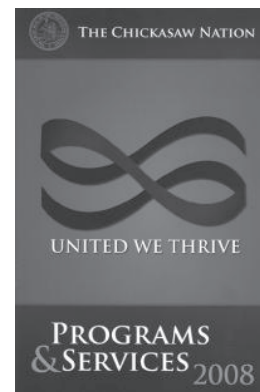


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Daughter's illness inspired new career

Chickasaw entrepreneur launches business with tribe's assistance

Chuck Epley was ready to take control of his destiny.

The 47-year-old Chickasaw citizen had logged two decades of service in the security industry, when the unthinkable occurred. Mr. Epley's daughter was afflicted with a potentially fatal disease.

Kaci, his only daughter, was diagnosed with leukemia and spent four long months in a Texas hospital.

It was during that long span at the hospital and Mr. Epley's struggle to balance his hectic work schedule and family obligations, when he decided his life needed a change.

Being on the road a majority of the time made it stressful to care for Kaci and the rest of his family.

"I traveled 80 per cent of the time in the last two years with my former company, I never saw my kids," he said. "It is unbearable to live in that kind of environment."

Mr. Epley turned to his tribe for help.

"I knew it was time to make a change, and the tribe helped me do that."

He enrolled at Texas Christian University and, with the help of the tribe, earned his master's degree in business administration (MBA). He said he worked

closely with staff members at the tribal Division of Education to obtain his goal.

Upon completion of his degree, he contacted the tribe's Small Business Development Center.

The center helped Mr. Epley develop a business plan and plan for his new business - Patriot Shield Security of Grapevine, Texas.

The new business opened in April 2008.

"Its now five months old and growing every month," he said.

His main objective in the new business is personal customer service.

The business is based in Texas, but Mr. Epley plans to expand into Oklahoma soon.

He credits the center with helping him get his business



Governor Bill Anoatubby, right, with Chuck Epley, center, and Jeff Case, tribal Small Business Development Center director at a recent tribal gathering.

off the ground and offering support.

The tribe's small business development program, he said, gave him encouragement in a world full of naysayers.

give opinions and options. It's a resource I believe not a lot of people have."

He said he is grateful to be a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

more."

Mr. Epley said he was now sharing his positive experience with everyone he meets, and hoped his story would inspire other Chickasaw entrepreneurs.

Mr. Case said Mr. Epley approached the tribe with a concrete idea and was open to ideas and suggestions.

"Chuck arrived at our first meeting with a written plan, specific questions and a humble attitude," Mr. Case said. "He was confident in his experiences and abilities. He was outwardly humble and inwardly determined and driven."

"It's tough to start a new business, you get nine 'no's' to one 'yes,' but to have the Chickasaw Nation supporting you is a huge deal. When you've got that behind you, you can do a lot more."

--Chuck Epley

"Everywhere I was going people were saying you can't and should not do it," he said.

The tribe, he said, was his only source of positive support.

Mr. Epley said he could still count on center director Jeff Case and other tribal staff to offer un-biased opinions.

"I still call him, he is a sounding board," he said. "He will

goal they want to achieve, he said.

"The tribe is blessed with very astute business people and they inspire you to keep going. It's tough to start a new business, you get nine 'no's' to one 'yes,' but to have the Chickasaw Nation supporting you is a huge deal. When you've got that behind you, you can do a lot



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"Because his company was shifting from its 'customer first' philosophy that had brought long-term success and employee loyalty, Chuck was making an active decision to start his own company."

Mr. Epley is now building his business and spending more time with his family.

His 16-year-old daughter, Kaci, is healthy and happy. Her disease entered remission after her 14-year-old brother, Jake, completed a bone marrow donation.

"Jake was the perfect match," Mr. Epley said. "Luke, my youngest, volunteered first because he wanted to be the one. They were both so brave and they both love their sister so much."

Mr. Epley and his wife, Peggy, and children Kaci, Jake and 10-year-old Luke live in Lewisville, Texas. The children are all students at Carrolton Christian Academy.

Mr. Epley's grandmother was a full blood Chickasaw, and an original enrollee. Her daughter - Mr. Epley's mother Bobbie Epley - is 80 years old and still works as a landman in Oklahoma. Mr. Epley said he was very proud of his mother and his heritage.

"I have just been blessed," he said.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation Business Registry or the Small Business Development Center, log on to www.chickasaw.net.

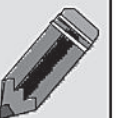
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'People of the Whale'

Chickasaw author to sign copies of new book during Festival

Linda Hogan, a Pulitzer Prize finalist and Chickasaw Nation writer in residence, will include Tishomingo as part of her nationwide book tour.

Hogan's tour promoting her latest critically-acclaimed novel "People of the Whale" includes stops in Boulder, Colo., Seattle, Portland, Santa Fe and Albuquerque.

After a public reading of her works at The Loft Literary Center in Minneapolis in September, Hogan will stop at the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival.

She will be in Tishomingo Friday and Saturday, October 3 and 4 to sign copies of her latest book and other works.

Booklist, the American Library Association-sponsored book review website, proclaims "People of the Whale" "original and spellbinding, a hauntingly beautiful novel of the hidden dimensions of life and all that is now imperiled."

Hogan has played a prominent role in the development of contemporary Native American poetry and has received numerous awards for her work. Her novel "Mean Spirit" was a

finalist for a Pulitzer in 1990 and won an Oklahoma Book Award for Fiction in 1991. She was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Native Writers' Circle of the Americas in 1998.

In her new role as Writer-in-Residence with the tribe's Division of Arts and Humanities, Hogan will be working on her own writing projects as well as projects for the Chickasaw Nation.

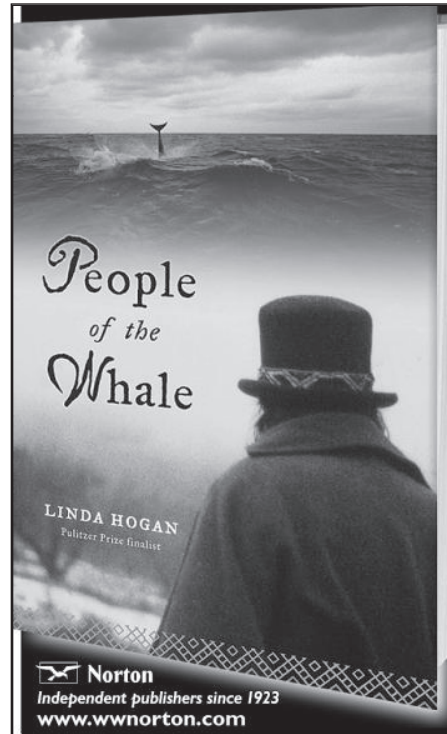
She will continue to make regular speaking engagements and will serve as a presenter at the tribe's Clemente Humanities class, Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy (CSAA), and writing workshops.

"We are extremely pleased to have Linda Hogan as our very first Writer-in-Residence for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities," tribal Division of Arts and Humanities administrator Lona Barrick said. "Linda is recognized, not only as a major Native Ameri-

"We are thrilled that Linda is a part of the Nation's continuing mission to enhance the good works of the tribe and the people we serve."

-Lona Barrick, administrator for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities

can writer, she is recognized as a major American writer.



She is a Pulitzer Prize finalist for her first novel, "Mean Spirit," and her newest book, "People of the Whale" has been nominated. Linda is a poet, novelist, essayist, playwright, teacher and environmentalist. Her writing has been called 'brilliant, compassionate, and wise.' She brings those qualities and that passion to her work with the Chickasaw Nation and its people. Linda's pride in her Chickasaw heritage is evident in her writings and in her

New from Pulitzer Prize Finalist
LINDA HOGAN

"Original and spellbinding... [A] hauntingly beautiful novel of the hidden dimensions of life, and all that is now imperiled."—*Booklist*

"With her unparalleled gifts for truth and magic, Linda Hogan reinforces my faith in reading, writing, living."
—BARBARA KINGSOLVER, author of *The Poisonwood Bible*

"Vivid images... rhythmic phrases...incantatory, dreamlike sound."
—*San Francisco Chronicle*

"Hogan, a poet who is herself a Chickasaw Indian, has an eye for detail...well observed."
—*The New York Times*

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many special projects, teaching and workshops she has offered throughout her career. We are thrilled that Linda is a part of the Nation's continuing mission to enhance the good works of the tribe and the people we serve."

Ms. Hogan, was born in 1947 in Denver and grew up in Oklahoma and Colorado. She was the first member of her family to attend college. She received her master's degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1978.

Ms. Hogan has played a prominent role in the development of contemporary Native American poetry. She often incorporates a feminist perspective in her verse through description of women's lives and feelings. She is a poet, short story writer, novelist, playwright, and essayist. She taught at the University of Minnesota, and the University of Colorado.

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Hogan much celebrated Native writer

Linda Hogan is the author of numerous literary works, including *Rounding the Human Corners* (2008), *The Woman Who Watches Over the World: A Native Memoir* (2001); *The Sweet Breathing of Plants: Women and the Green World* (2000); *Power* (1998); *Dwellings: A Spiritual History of the Living World* (1995); *Solar Storms* (1995); *Book of Medicines* (1993); *Red Clay: Poems and Stories* (1991); *Mean Spirit* (1990); *Savings: Poems* (1988); *Seeing Through the Sun* (1985); *Eclipse* (1983); *Daughters, I Love You* (1981); *A Piece of Moon* (1981) *Calling Myself Home* (1978). She is also one of the authors of *Chickasaws: Unconquered and Unconquerable*, the first book published by the Chickasaw Press.

She has received numer-

ous awards including: Writer of the Year (Creative Prose), Wordcraft Circle Award, 2002; Lifetime Achievement Award, Native Writers' Circle of the Americas, 1998; Colorado Book Award, 1996; Lannan Award, 1994; Colorado Book Award, 1993; Oklahoma Book Award for Fiction, 1991 Finalist, Pulitzer Prize for Literature, 1990; American Book Award, Before

Columbus Foundation, 1986; Stand magazine Fiction Award, 1983; Five Civilized Tribes Play Writing Award, 1980.

Wordcraft Circle of Native Writers and Storytellers honored the Chickasaw Nation this year for employing Hogan in the Writer-in-Residence position.

Look for a review of "People of the Whale" in next month's *Chickasaw Times*.



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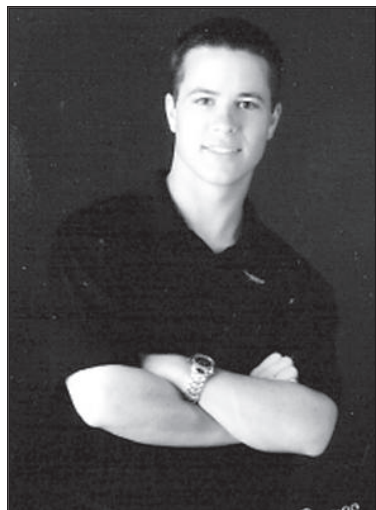
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Five Chickasaw students receive Lifetime Scholarships



Thomas Luman

Five Chickasaw students were recently awarded the 2008 Chickasaw Nation Lifetime Scholarship for community involvement and college achievements.

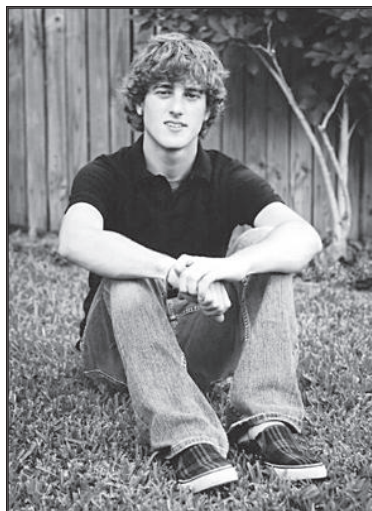
Thomas Luman, of Moore, Okla., is pursuing a degree in aviation at the University of Oklahoma. Mr. Luman graduated from Moore High School in 2006 in the top 25 percent of his class with a 3.75 grade point average (GPA). He was active in track, cross country, drama and music. He currently maintains a 3.05 GPA at OU and is employed part-time as a pseudo pilot. Mr. Luman will complete his bachelor's degree in May 2010. His future plans are to become a pilot.



Natalie Ryan

Natalie Ryan, of Sand Springs, Okla., is pursuing a degree in nursing at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Ms. Ryan graduated from Charles Page High School in 2005 where she was an honor student and involved in numerous activities. She attained the top ACT test score in a high school class of 300, and graduated with a 4.23 grade point average. From a young age, Ms. Ryan has been consistently involved with her community. She helped the church she attended build a new facility in Texas and a children's camp in Arizona.

Ms. Ryan also volunteered time with home construction projects in the Tulsa area. She has continued her community involvement throughout her college years. She currently maintains a 3.34 grade point average and will complete her bachelor's degree in May 2010. Her future plans are to be a nurse and work on behalf of the Indian people.



Kenneth Stearns

Kenneth Stearns, of Choctaw, Okla., is pursuing a degree in pharmacy at Oklahoma State University. Mr. Stearns is a 2007 graduate of Choctaw High School where he accumulated a 3.2 grade point average and was listed on the Principal's Honor

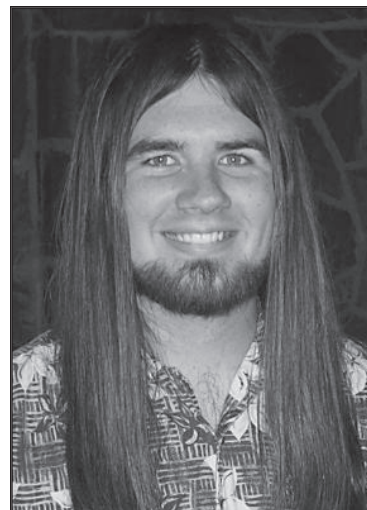
roll. He is a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity and has participated in tornado clean up. His personal lifetime goal is to become a Peace Corps volunteer. Mr. Stearns currently maintains a 3.5 grade point average and works part-time as a lifeguard at the campus recreation center. He will complete his degree in 2014. His future plans are to become a Chickasaw Nation Health System pharmacist.



Janina Ward

Janina Ward, of Mayer, Ariz., is pursuing a degree in health sciences with Kaplan University. Ms. Ward has been a personal fitness trainer, a model and a fitness editor for a national

equestrian magazine. She has also published a children's western action adventure, "Jesse and the Magic Boots." Ms. Ward currently maintains a 3.85 grade point average and will complete her degree in 2011. Her future plans are to become a physician's assistant.



Caleb Wingo

Caleb Wingo, of Ada, Okla., is pursuing a degree in medical physics at East Central University in Ada. Mr. Wingo graduated from Ada High School in 2004. He has been involved in the medical field as a volunteer and student. His family has a medical tradition. His two

grandmothers were registered nurses. Mr. Wingo has volunteered more than 200 hours at Valley View Regional Hospital in Ada, volunteering time on the nursing floors and emergency room. He will complete his bachelor's degree in May 2009 and enter medical school. Mr. Wingo currently maintains a 3.85 grade point average. His future plans are to become a medical doctor and work at the new Chickasaw Nation health care facility in Ada.

These lifetime scholarship recipients will receive full tuition, fees, books and room and board at their accredited college or university. The Lifetime Scholarship is awarded to five full-time students every fall semester. Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average. The scholarship is a service repayment scholarship with recipients serving a maximum of two years of service for the Chickasaw Nation.

For more information about scholarship opportunities, contact Deborah Hook at (580) 421-7711, deborah.hook@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net.
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Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli

Children's language club to meet Sept. 20 at ECU

Join the fun with the Chickasaw Nation Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw) language club for Chickasaw Art Fun Day from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, September 20 at the East Central University Ballroom in Ada.

At the Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli Art Fun Day, children will learn Chickasaw words related to Art and participate in exciting activities.

Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli meetings are part of a Chickasaw language club for all children up to the age of nine. The club focuses on the importance of using the Chickasaw language in daily life. Each month the club meets to learn Chickasaw language and embark on a fun adventure that will incorporate newly introduced Chickasaw words.

During Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli meetings, children



The Chickasaw Dance Troupe leads members of the Chepota Chikasha Anumpoli language club in traditional dances during Chickasaw Dance Fun Day on Saturday, July 26.

learn to speak the Chickasaw language, take exciting field trips, do arts and crafts and learn Chickasaw culture and history. Children are also encouraged to speak the language while participating in the activities and during everyday conversations.

At the August language club meeting, children participated in

Back to School Fun Day learning words related to school. During the July language club meeting, children participated in Chickasaw Dance Fun Day learning the Snake Dance, Double Header Dance, Stealing Partners Dance and the Gar Fish Dance.

Club meetings are held one Saturday each month and open to all children interested

in learning Chickasaw language up to the age of nine. To join the language club or to inquire about upcoming meetings, contact Cheneae Lippard at (580) 436-0877, cheneae.lippard@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/ccca.

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Tribal justice system comes to life for Yakni Moma Alphisa campers



Marcy Gray

Sponsors and participants of Camp Yakni Moma Alphisa (Justice for a Nation) during a tour of the historic Chickasaw Nation capitol in Tishomingo. Participants include, first row, from left, Micah Byars, Blake Spradlin, Sarah Johnston, Noah Gordon, Price Row, Alexis Palmer, Vanessa Hill, Diamond Hill and tribal Supreme Court Judge Cheri Gordon. Back row, from left, Chickasaw Nation District Judge Dustin Row, Melissa Wilkerson, Morgan Leverett, court clerk Jeanie Jones, Bridgette Bell, Destiny Hatton, Julie Underwood, Desiree Kirk, and tribal court staff Wayne Joplin, Darlene Cheadle and Tamara Dresser.

Several Chickasaw students had the opportunity to get a close-up view of the Chickasaw Nation Judicial system during Camp Yakni Moma Alphisa (Justice for a Nation) conducted Aug. 4 and 5.

The two-day clinic covered a gamut of topics, from lessons on historic tribal justice to a tour of a state-of-the-art law enforcement training facility.

The clinic also included a tour of the tribal capitol building

in Tishomingo, the Pontotoc County Jail, the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) facility and Lighthorse Police Headquarters in Ada.

"That's my first time to visit the jail, and my last time," said clinic participant Price Row, of Tishomingo, Okla.

Students learned about the fingerprinting method used by police officers and got a behind-the-scenes look at the CLEET

facility, including the vehicle track and physical training room.

Tribal history was stressed during a visit to the historic capitol and the Council House Museum in Tishomingo.

Campers were entertained and educated by a demonstration by Lighthorse Police K-9 Officer Casey Gentry and his partner "Ace."

After Officer Gentry explained the role of his four-legged partner, he had "Ace" find some drug paraphernalia he had hidden in the community center.

Presentations about the role of all the court judges and staff were also shared, as well as a presentation by Lighthorse Drug Awareness and Resistance Education (DARE) officer Dusk Monetathchi.

The clinic concluded with a mock trial, complete with two actual attorneys, presiding judge and jury of four.

Campers each played a role in

the mock trial, with most campers serving as witnesses. They were given two days to rehearse their portrayal and in the end, the jury found the defendant, portrayed by Bridgett Bell, of Sulphur, Okla., "not guilty."

Bridgett said the clinic educated her on the inner workings of the tribal court system.

"I learned about Peacemaking and the history of our Nation," she said, adding the K9 demonstration was her favorite part of the event.

"I learned a lot about things I didn't even realize existed," said Julie Underwood, of Mill Creek, Okla. "I also learned Peacemaking is a good way to settle out your problems."

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court or Chickasaw Nation District Court, contact the court at 580-235-0281 or 1-800-479-1455.

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Campers learn Peacemaking

The concept of tribal Peacemaking was introduced to the students by tribal court peacemakers John and Tee Edwards during Camp Yakni Moma Alphisa (Justice for a Nation).

"Peacemaking is being able to talk to one another and resolve issues, it is not about taking sides, it's about healing," said Mr. Edwards.

"We've been very successful with peacemaking court - it's our Chickasaw Peacemaking Court," Supreme Court Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon told the group.

When a mutual agreement is reached in the peacemaking process, Chief Justice Gordon said,

an order is sent to a tribal judge to make the resolution official.

The group assembled in a circle and passed around the "talking piece," represented by an eagle feather. Each participant had a chance to share something meaningful.

In the peacemaking process, only the person who holds the talking peace is able to speak and must not be interrupted.

The youth also learned the reason for the formation of a circle.

"A circle creates a sacred place where values are honored and we have an opportunity to reflect on our lives," said Mrs. Edwards.

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Chickasaw Foundation announces scholarship recipients

The Chickasaw Foundation hosted its 8th annual scholarship reception July 31 at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada.

Executive Director Johnna Walker made special introductions. Kennedy Brown, Chairman of the Foundation Board of Trustees, gave the welcome speech. Scholarship presentations were made by the Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees and a reception followed.

The following were selected as the recipients of the 2008-2009 Chickasaw Foundation Scholarships:

Janet Shaley James Scholarship

Ms. Ariana Seidel is the recipient of the Janet Shaley James Scholarship in the amount of \$600. She will be a sophomore at Penn State University, majoring in political science/journalism.

Ann Eubank Health Scholarship

Ms. Caroline Colbert is the recipient of the Ann Eubank Health Scholarship in the amount of \$600. She will be a freshman at the University of Oklahoma, majoring in chemistry/pre-optometry.



Caroline Colbert

Computercraft Corporation Scholarship

Ms. Connie Walton is the recipient of the Computercraft Corporation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 (\$750 per semester). She will be a freshman at East Central (OK) University, majoring in nursing.



Connie Walton

The Hill Group Scholarship

Ms. Sarah Ragland is one of two recipients of The Hill Group Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 (\$1,000 per semester). She will be a freshman attending Oklahoma State University, majoring in human development and family science.



Sarah Ragland

Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship

Ms. Jessica Dare is a recipient of the Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship in the amount of \$1,200 (\$600 per semester). She will be a senior at Fresno State University, majoring in kinesiology-physical education.



Jessica Dare

Lillian Fowler Memorial Scholarship

Ms. Krystle Pierce is the recipient of the Lillian Fowler Memorial Scholarship in the amount



Krystle Pierce

of \$800 (\$400 per semester). She will be a freshman at East Central University, majoring in occupational therapy/biology.

Bank2 Banking Scholarship – In Memory of Mr. Robert Walton

Ms. Talina Tidmore is the recipient of the Bank2 Banking Scholarship – In Memory of Mr. Robert Walton in the amount of \$4,000 (\$2,000 per semester). She will be a junior at East Central University, majoring in business administration with a concentration in finance.

Chickasaw Foundation Grants

Ms. Annette Yott is the fifth recipient of a \$1,000 Chickasaw Foundation Grant. She will be a senior at East Central University, majoring in early childhood education.



Annette Yott

Chickasaw Foundation Grants

Mr. Kevin Farve is the second recipient of a \$1,000 Chickasaw Foundation Grant. He will be a senior at East Central University, majoring in elementary education.

Mary K. Moreland & Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship

Ms. Holly Kuykendall is the recipient of the Mary K. Moreland & Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 (\$1,000 per semester). She will be a freshman

at the University of Mary Hardin Baylor, majoring in education.

Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship

Ms. Natasha Wagner is the

recipient of the Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship in the amount of \$2,200 (\$1,100 per semester). Natasha will be a junior at the Institute of American Indian Arts, majoring in studio arts.



Natasha Wagner

Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship

Ms. Kate French is one of two recipients for the Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500. She is a freshman at Oklahoma State University, majoring in public relations.



Kate French

Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship

Ms. Tracey Hicks is the second recipient of the Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship in the amount of \$500. She is a senior at East Central University, majoring in general studies.



Tracey Hicks

Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship

Mr. John Maytubby is the third recipient of the Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship in the amount of \$500. He will be a freshman at the University of California-Irvine, majoring in mechanical engineering/aeronautical engineering.

John Bennett Herrington Scholarship

Mr. Cody Pinkerman is the recipient of the John Bennett Herrington Scholarship for a maximum amount of \$11,000 annually for up to two years. He is a graduate student seeking his master's degree at Oklahoma State University. He holds with a Bachelor of Science degree in aerospace and mechanical engineering.



Cody Pinkerman

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Scholarship

Mr. Chance Pearce is the

second recipient of the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Scholarship in the amount of \$2,400. He will be a freshman at Oklahoma State University, majoring in business administration.



Chance Pearce

Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship

Ms. Emily Cole is a recipient of the Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester). She will be a sophomore at Oklahoma State University, majoring in business management.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Scholarship

Ms. Danielle Smith is the third recipient of the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Scholarship in the amount of \$2,400. She will be a freshman at Murray State College entering the IT department.

Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship

Mr. Nicholas Ryan is a recipient of the Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. He will be a senior at Oklahoma State University-Tulsa, majoring in business management.



Nicholas Ryan

Donald D. Gunning Memorial Scholarship

Ms. Ceira Wright is the recipient of the Donald D. Gunning Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$600. She will be a freshman at Murray State College, majoring in physical therapy.



Ceira Wright

Judicial Scholarship – Law Student Scholarship

Mr. Trevor Tullius is the recipient of the Judicial Scholarship – Law Student Scholarship in the amount of \$500. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University



Trevor Tullius

of Oklahoma. Trevor is now a graduate student majoring in law at the University of Virginia.

Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship

Ms. Tessa Burris is one of two recipients of the Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500. She is a freshman at East Central University, majoring in education.



Tessa Burris

Pearl Carter Scott Aviation Scholarship

Mr. Thomas Luman is the first continued recipient of the Pearl Carter Scott Aviation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,250. He will be junior at the University of Oklahoma, majoring in aviation.



Thomas Luman

Chickasaw Foundation Grants

Mr. Tabor Warren is the fourth recipient of a \$1,000 Chickasaw Foundation Grant. He will be a sophomore at Oklahoma State University, majoring in animal science.

Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship

Ms. Ashley Creek is a recipient of the Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



Ashley Creek

Ashley will be a freshman attending Potomac State College of West Virginia University. Her major is modern languages with a focus on Spanish.

Chickasaw Foundation Grants

Ms. Sheila Bennett is the first of five recipients of a \$1,000 Chickasaw Foundation Grant (\$500 per semester). She will be a freshman at Murray State College, majoring in nursing.



Sheila Bennett

Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship

Mr. Daniel Roberts is the third recipient for the Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. He will be

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a senior at Oklahoma State University, majoring in accounting.

Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship

Mr. Brett Knight is the third recipient of the Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship in the amount of \$1,200. He is a senior at Oklahoma City University, majoring in business administration.



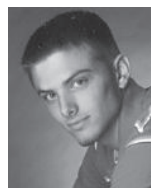
Daniel Roberts



Brett Knight

Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship

Mr. Riley Elmore is a recipient of the Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship in the amount of \$1,200. He will be a junior at the University of Central Oklahoma, majoring in education.



Riley Elmore

Bill Fryrear Memorial Scholarship

Ms. Jennifer Bean is the recipient of the Bill Fryrear Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester). She will be a junior at the University of Central Oklahoma, majoring in photographic arts with a minor in sociology.



Jennifer Bean

Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship

Ms. Andrea Johns is the second recipient of the Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. She will be a sophomore at the Ardmore Higher Education Center working towards a bachelor's degree in business administration.



Andrea Johns

Wesley D. Brantley, Jr. Scholarship

Mr. Joel McReynolds is the recipient of the Wesley D. Brantley, Jr. Scholarship in the amount of \$500. He will be a freshman at East Central University, major-



Joel McReynolds

ing in business.

Native American Fund Advisors Scholarship

Ms. Ashley Lewis is the recipient of the Native American Fund Advisors Scholarship in the amount of \$500. She will be a sophomore at the University of Oklahoma, majoring in business marketing/non-profit organizations.

Janie Hardwick Benson Memorial Scholarship

Ms. Kathryn Colbert is the recipient of the Janie Hardwick Benson Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500. Ms. Colbert is a graduate student attending nursing school at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.



Kathryn Colbert

The Hill Group Scholarship

Ms. Haley Sperry is the second recipient of The Hill Group Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000. She will be a sophomore attending the University of Oklahoma, majoring in public relations.



Haley Sperry

Mitch Musgrove Memorial Scholarship

Mr. Matthew Nail is the recipient of the Mitch Musgrove Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$250. He is a senior at the University of Oklahoma, majoring in accounting.



Matthew Nail

Chickasaw Foundation Grants

Mr. Logan Walcher is the third recipient of a \$1,000 Chickasaw Foundation Grant. He will be a sophomore at the University of Central Oklahoma, majoring in graphic design.



Logan Walcher

Mooniene Ogee Memorial Scholarship

Mr. Bryson Vann is the recipient of the Mooniene Ogee Memorial Schol-



Bryson Vann

arship

in the amount of \$500. He will be a sophomore at East Central University, majoring in education.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Scholarship

Mr. Taylor Britt is the first of three recipients for the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Scholarship in the amount of \$2,400 (\$1,200 per semester). He will be a freshman at the University of Oklahoma, majoring in pre-med.



Taylor Britt

Vinnie May Humes Memorial Scholarship

Ms. Allison Raborn is the recipient of the Vinnie May Humes Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$600. She will be a sophomore at Texas A&M University, majoring in history.



Allison Raborn

Irene C. Howard Memorial Scholarship

Ms. Caley Wesberry is the recipient of the Irene C. Howard Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$8,000 (\$4,000 per semester). She will be a freshman at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, majoring in science/pre-med.



Caley Wesberry

Ataloe Memorial Scholarship

Mr. Abriel Allen is the recipient of the Ataloe Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500. He will be a freshman at Houston Baptist University, majoring in music education.



Abriel Allen

David & Carolyn Nimmo Graduate Business Scholarship

Mr. Joshua Davis is the very first recipient of the newly established David & Carolyn Nimmo Graduate Business Scholarship in the amount of \$500 (\$250 per semester). He is graduate student



Joshua Davis

at Texas A&M—Commerce, majoring in management. He earned his bachelor's degree in political science.

Stacie Lynn Hays Memorial Scholarship

Ms. Brandi Bowman is the first recipient of the newly established Stacie Lynn Hays Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester). She will be a junior at East Central University, majoring in human services.



Brandi Bowman

Edward L. Kruger Memorial Ittish Aaisha Scholarship

Ms. Kayla Carmichael is the recipient of the Edward L. Kruger Memorial Ittish Aaisha Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 (\$750 a semester). She is a graduate student attending the University of Oklahoma-College of Pharmacy.



Kayla Carmichael

Pearl Carter Scott Aviation Scholarship

Mr. Jared Wingo is the second continued recipient of the Pearl Carter Scott Aviation Schol-

ship. He will be sophomore at the University of Oklahoma, majoring in aviation management.

Pearl Carter Scott Aviation Scholarship

Mr. Stephen Ryan is this year's recipient of the Pearl Carter Scott Aviation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,250. He will be sophomore at the University of Oklahoma, majoring in aviation management.

The Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse Scholarship – In Memory of Special Agent Patrick Flickinger

Ms. Felicity Shipley is the first recipient of the newly established Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse Scholarship- In Memory of Special Agent Patrick Flickinger in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester). She will be a freshman at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, majoring in criminal justice with a minor in journalism.

For more information on the scholarships available through the Chickasaw Foundation and how to apply, visit www.chickasawfoundation.org or call the Foundation office at (580) 421-9030.

Contributed by Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw Foundation Art Auction seeks artist participation

The Chickasaw Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. We are currently accepting donations of Native American artwork for our art auction to be held during the Friends of the Foundation reception on November 14, 2008. This reception is held annually to recognize our donors and volunteers. Last year we had over 25 pieces of artwork and would like to see the number double this year.

Your tax-deductible donation will benefit the Foundation and its scholarship program. Last year we were able to award the first Chickasaw Foundation Fine

Arts Scholarship which was established through proceeds from the art auction. This scholarship is for any college student with a certificate of degree of Indian blood card majoring in fine arts (arts, music, dramatics and dance). If you are interested in making a donation, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

The mission of the Chickasaw Foundation is to promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.

7th Annual Cultural Evening Oct. 3

Please mark your calendars to join us on Friday, October 3, 2008 at the new Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur for our 7th annual Cultural Evening as part of the Chickasaw Festival. This will include a sneak preview of the new cultural

center and special time capsule dedication. We will have a night full of cultural events you won't want to miss. If you have any questions, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound summer residential session was held from June 1 – July 3, 2008. Over 100 students from several target schools within the Chickasaw Nation moved into McKee Hall at Murray State College (MSC) to begin classes and participate in activities. Students attended classes in English composition and literature, math, science, foreign language (Spanish and Chickasaw), geography, computers and academic/life skills. Class activities included writing mystery stories, poetry readings, geometric art, ACT and financial aid information, etiquette lessons and researching trips to other states and countries. Seventeen students were enrolled in their first six hours of college credit and attended classes through July.

The theme for the summer was “Survivor.” In the evening, students participated in several team competitions to become the ultimate survivor. A special presentation was given by former CBS Survivor show contestant, Dr. Scout Cloud Lee of Vision Us, Inc. The Chickasaw Nation dance troupe also provided a demonstration on Chickasaw dances, and the language program provided Chickasaw language classes.

Team Thunder, an education/racing team, presented a program focused on making good choices and understanding how math, science, technology and other subjects are applied in the real world. Students also learned about the exciting world of racing and high performances machines. Other activities included an assembly and visit to

the opening ceremony of “The Moving Wall,” field trips for movies, skating, swimming, and Lazer Zone as well as dances in the MSC ballroom.

The students in the math and science program attended field trips to the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History for an extinction class, Red Cross CPR and First Aid training, a presentation by the National Library of Medicine and a tour of the Fast Track Information Technology program at MSC. An awards assembly was held at the end of the month and teachers presented awards for the top student and most improved student in each class.

Kylie Daniel of Madill was selected as the Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Year and received a laptop computer from the Chickasaw Foundation.

Teacher Awards

Spanish
Academic/Life Skills
Computers
Composition/Lit.
Biology
Zoology
Algebra I
Algebra II
Geometry
Trigonometry
Calculus

Top Student

Heather Stinnett
Alicia McFeeters
Heather Pugh
Chelcee Valdez
Chloe Papproth
Melinda Tuley
Gabrielle Christian
Sarah Moore
Tanner Britt
Melinda Tuley
Cydni Coffee
James McLaughlin
Lindsey Clark
Heather Pugh

Most Improved Student

Dawn Ryals
Andrea McFeeters
Anthony Landreth
Bricen Arterberry
Tina Stringer
Coby Chandler
Anthony Landreth
Lacy Brown
Kailee Chandler
Kathleen Madden
Brandon Elmore
ShiAnne Smith-Veach
Kayla Ritter
Thomas Ryals

Trail of Tears conference Sept. 22-25

The 13th Annual Trail of Tears Association Conference and Symposium is set for September 22-25 at the Doubletree Hotel, Little Rock, Ark.

Presentations will include “The Chickasaws: An Unaccountable and Singular Removal,” by Amanda L. Paige. Ms. Paige is project archivist and library cataloger for the Wiggins Native American Art Collection Cataloging Project at the Sequoyah Research Center.

Other presentations will in-

clude “Fullbloods and Mixed-Bloods: Taking a Second Look at the Cherokee Story,” by Julia Coates, Ph.D; “Before the Trail of Tears: Cherokee Removal to Arkansas,” by S. Charles Bolton, Ph.D; and “Seminole Treaty People,” by Ted Underwood.

Other presentations centered on the Trail of Tears will be offered at the conference.

For more information, visit www.nationaltota.org or call 1-800-441-4513.

Marshall County meeting Sept. 9

Marshall County Chickasaw Council will conduct its regular meeting September 9, 2008 at the Chickasaw Community Center, 1400 Enos Rd., Kingston, Okla.

Time: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Dawn Hodebeck

Topic: Family Support

There will be door prizes, split the pot, and refreshments.

See you there!

Wichita Council views ‘We Remember’

The Wichita Council saw a video entitled “We Remember” during the August 17 meeting. This was the video shown at the Chickasaw Festival in Tishomingo in 2007. This documentary was opened and closed with several scenes in the “Chickasaw White House” in Emet, Okla. The subject was about various periods of our history after Removal and up to the recent history.

Pam Harjo, vice-chairwoman, brought to our attention the upcoming 9th Annual Trail of Tears Memorial Walk set for November 1. This event is sponsored by Hunter Health Clinic. Those who want to take part in the walk will meet at the Mid-America All Indian Center about 10 a.m. and leave their cars in the parking lot. A shuttle will take them to the Indian United Methodist Church. They will walk from the church to MAAIC. Harjo would like the CCCW members to walk together carrying the Chickasaw flag and in regalia if possible.

Vickye Gordan, the liaison from the Chickasaw Nation, at-

tended the meeting with her husband Mike. They brought favors and a drawing was conducted for three door prizes.

Another visitor was Janice Widener, a Chickasaw who recently moved to Wichita from Texas. Widener introduced herself and explained how she is connected to the Indian Methodist Church here and she invited everyone to services there.

Our third visitor was Neva Santiago (Comanche) who invited members of the Chickasaw Council over 55 years old to attend the meetings of the elders council at noon on the first and third Wednesday of each month at MAAIC. Santiago said the meetings were open to members of all tribes. Bring a covered dish if you can, or donate money to help defray the cost of food.

The next meeting of the Wichita Council will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, September 20, at MAAIC. The plan is for the members of the Council to tour the recently renovated museum and share some food, fellowship and fun after the tour.

Council creating resource center

The Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas had its August meeting at its new meeting site in the conference room of the University of Texas TICE Community Engagement Building.

The Council recently received its IRS status as a 501c3. With its new status as an IRS 501c3 non-profit charity comes the opportunity for the Council to seek grants to fund its culture and history activities and ask for donations from the general public. As a 501c3, donors will be able to declare their donations, as a charitable donation on their income taxes.

This status will also facilitate the Council’s joint effort with the Great Promise for American Indians to establish a Native American Resource Center in Central Texas. Two organizations have already applied for the grant to obtain books, publications, CD, DVD, etc. This resource center will be unique in that the books and other media in the center will be purchased based upon the recommendations of tribes around the nation

concerning which publications accurately reflect their tribe’s culture and history.

The Council’s own Library will now be housed at the UT TICE Community Engagement Building, thus allowing council members access to the Library between meetings. Once a location is obtained for the Native American Resource Center, the Library will be housed there along with the Council’s office.

Members were encouraged to plan on attending the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival during the few days in September and the first four days of October and the Austin Powwow the first day of November. A number of the Council members have indicated they plan on participating in one or both events.

Materials obtained from the Nation during the Kullihoma Reunion in June on the Chickasaw language were distributed to attendees. The meeting was adjourned to a time of socializing and browsing through the Council’s Library.

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS and EVENTS

OKLAHOMA

- ADA**
Ada Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Pat Cox, 580-272-0549
- September 9-Health Screening-Special Diabetes Prevention Program*
Carl Albert Indian Health Facility-Diabetes Care Center
(580) 421-4532
- September 15-Health Screening-Special Diabetes Prevention Program*
Family Life Center
(580) 421-4532
- September 19-Elders Cultural Day-Kullihoma*
(580) 332-8685
- September 19-Stomp Dance-Kullihoma*
(580) 332-8685
- September 27-McSwain Show Concert*
(580) 332-8108 for tickets

- ARDMORE**
September 11-Health Screening-Special Diabetes Prevention Program
Ardmore Health Clinic
(580) 421-4532
- CONNERVILLE**
Connerville Area Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994
- DURANT**
September 18-Health Screening-Special Diabetes Prevention Program
Durant Health Clinic
(580) 421-4532
- KINGSTON**
Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Patricia Bostick, 580-564-2975
- NEWCASTLE**
Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council

- 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Tom Hogland, 405-381-2268
- September 9-Newcastle Community Dinner*
(866) 466-1481
- OKLAHOMA CITY**
OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Pam Conard, 405-973-8127
- PURCELL**
Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Betty Kemp, 405-364-0355
- September 25-Health Screening-Special Diabetes Prevention Program*
Purcell Health Clinic
(580) 421-4532
- TISHOMINGO**
Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351
- September 4-Health Screening-Special Diabetes Prevention Program*
Tishomingo Health Clinic
(580) 421-4532

- September 27-October 4*
Annual Meeting and Festival
(800) 593-3356 or (580) 371-2040
- CALIFORNIA**
Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Lynn M. Dorrough, 909-213-7273
- COLORADO**
Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Quarterly Meetings
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637
- KANSAS**
Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
3rd Sunday at 3:00 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, 316-945-9219 or Pam Harjo, 316-393-0696

- NEW MEXICO**
New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Chris Rodke, 505-980-1368
- TEXAS**
Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
San Antonio, TX Area
Michele Moody, 210-492-2288
- Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas*
Austin, Texas Area
2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
Gene Thompson, 512-258-7919
- North Texas Chickasaw Community Council*
Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX
3rd Saturday at 2:00 p.m.
John C. Atkins, 972-271-0692

Complete special permit request form to register for Kullihoma Fall deer hunt

Special permit request forms are now available for the annual Fall deer hunt at Kullihoma.

Kullihoma is tribal land located approximately seven miles east of Ada.

Chickasaw hunters can pick up a form at the Chickasaw Rangers office, 221 N. Rennie, in Ada, or by calling (580) 310-6466.

The Fall deer hunt at Kullihoma coincides with established

Oklahoma hunting seasons.

Bow hunting runs from October 1, 2008 through January 15, 2009. Muzzleloader season is October 25 through November 2.

Traditional gun season is November 22 through December 7.

There is also a special youth gun hunt October 17 through 19. All other hunting will be

suspended during the youth hunt days.

The Rangers encourage hunters to have their forms completed and submitted as soon as possible. A drawing is conducted and hunters are then informed of their inclusion in the hunt.

Chickasaws only may apply for the Kullihoma Fall deer hunt.

Special Permit Request

Deadline to apply is September 15, 2008

Fall Deer Hunt on Tribal Land----Kullihoma Reservation

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Vehicle: Car--- or--- Truck

Make: _____ Model: _____ Color: _____

Year: _____ Tag #: _____ Emergency Contacts# _____

Circle Desired Hunts: Gun-----Muzzle Loader-----Traditional Bow/Arrow

Attach a copy of CDIB card.

The completed permit request and attached copy of CDIB card can be mailed to or dropped of at:
Chickasaw Nation Rangers Department, 221 North Rennie, Ada, OK 74820.
For more information call (580) 310-6466.

84 Chickasaw girls hit the diamond for Softball Camp



Lexis Lewis, Ardmore, fires a softball during July's softball clinic.

Eighty-four young Chickasaw softball athletes spent a few sweltering July days perfecting their games during the Chickasaw Nation Softball Clinic. The fifth annual clinic was conducted July 29 and 30 at the Ada High School softball facility.

Girls from across the Chickasaw Nation attended the two-day clinic to develop existing batting, throwing and pitching skills, and to learn new techniques.

Diamond Dennis, of Ardmore, Okla., said the camp was "really fun."

"They teach you a lot of stuff, most of it I don't know," Diamond said. "I would like to come back next year."

The 11-year-old attended

camp with her sister, Laura Dennis.

Mill Creek eighth grader Julie Underwood said of the clinic, "it's hot, but fun." Julie also said the clinic would help her be a better pitcher and shortstop for her team.

Ada Junior High student Taylor Alexander said she learned new batting mechanics from the bevy of coaches. Taylor was one of six girls who



Latta's Taylor Factor practices her batting stance during Chickasaw Nation Softball Clinic. Taylor has attended camp each year since it was first offered.

have attended the camp all five years.

Student athletes from the University of Oklahoma lead the girls through several drills and motivational talks. Coaches included Sam Ricketts, DJ Mathis, Amber Flores, Jeanie Douglas, Jade Prather, JT Gasso and Tripp MacKay. Kaycee Clark, OU director of softball operations, directed the camp. Several volunteers and "team parents" also helped out.

During closing ceremonies,

Jay Keel, administrator of the tribe's Division of Youth and Family Services, encouraged the

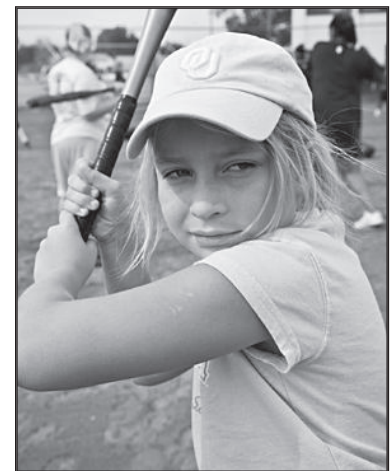
girls to take advantage of opportunities like the camp to learn and grow.

"Through these types of activities you can learn lessons about life and how to work as a team," Mr. Keel said.

Each participant received a purple camp

T-shirt and a warm-up jacket for her hard work.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.



Kai Watkins at Chickasaw Nation Softball Clinic.

Students hone shooting skills at Tanumpo Hosa Apisa Camp



Those attending Tanumpo Hosa Apisa Camp include, kneeling, Anthony Hicks, left, and Chigger Davidson. First row, from left, Brett Miller, Alexis Lewis, Selena Alvarez, Bailee Hatton, Cody Powell and Leigh Davidson. Back row, from left, Luke Norton, Zachery Ott, Cody Bolin, William Hickman, Kelvin Brister, and Daniel Brown.

A group of Chickasaw students sharpened not only their shooting skills, but also developed concentration and control during the annual Tanumpo Hosa Apisa (Learn to Shoot Straight) Camp.

The overnight camp was conducted at the Chickasaw Children's Village in Kingston, Okla., Aug. 6-8.

Campers had different reasons for attending. Some wanted to practice for hunting season while others just were curious about learning a new sport.

"I thought (camp) would be fun, my dad is a police officer, and it's fun to learn about guns," said Selena Alvarez, of Ardmore, Okla.

Cody Bolin, of Dickson, Okla.,

enrolled in the camp with future goals in sight. He wants work in the law enforcement field after he completes his education.

After donning safety goggles, campers shot at targets using Olympic-style air pistols and rifles. The shots were fired in sequences of 15, 10, 5 and then one shot, which created a competitive atmosphere among the

campers.

Lighthouse Police officer George (Ca-Te) Jesse served as an instructor. He was assisted by several camp counselors and one camper.

Anthony Hicks, a camp participant from last year's camp, helped other campers perfect their skills.

Anthony, of Choctaw, Okla., was awarded a CO2-powered firearm at last year's camp for his outstanding performance.

Upon receiving the firearm, he was told to practice.

"So I practiced," he said.

Anthony, 17, said he would like to pursue the world of competitive shooting.

"It's real fun," he said.

"The campers could actually compete throughout the



Dannie Sue Davidson, Ada, earned the top spot in the female shooting competition during marksmanship camp.

United States and qualify to go to the Olympics with this training," said camp counselor Matt Clark.

The final Chickasaw Nation camp of the summer also gave campers one last chance to spend time with friends before school started.

A competition was conducted on the last day of camp. Dannie Sue Davidson, of Ada, Okla., was named top female competitor, and Luke Norton, Velma, Okla., was the top male competitor.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.



Daniel Brown aims for the target. Daniel was one of more than a dozen Chickasaw youth who attended the camp.

Letters



Front row from left, Madeline and Ryan, Olivia Holcomb. Back row from left, Mike, Patsy, Lauren and Katelyn Holcomb.

Dear Editor:

Chukma! Every summer, for the past nine summers, Mike and Patsy Holcomb have hosted "Cousin Camp" at their home in Sequin, Texas. What began as one grandchild participating for the week has grown to five. Each year Grandpa and Pappy create a theme for the week then lead various activities associated with that theme.

One year centered on favorite countries. One year's theme was "Texas," and another simply colors.

The theme for this year's camp experience came to the Holcombs while attending the Chickasaw Gathering in Waco this past April. It would be Chickasaw Heritage week.

Grandpa Mike and all five grandchildren Lauren, Ryan, Katelyn, Madeline and Olivia are Chickasaw citizens. So the educational element to this week was particularly important to the camp's agenda.

Each day provided an opportunity for the campers to enjoy outdoors through fishing, boating and swimming. Following the morning activity they would spend time learning Chickasaw history, traditions, language and customs through a variety of literature collected at the gathering.

Additionally, the crafts time

include activity sheets highlighting Chickasaw culture and the hands on learning of war paint traditions by way of mannequin head.

Finally, the cousins all participated in the making of Pishofa. They absolutely loved it, asking to take home the recipe.

Thank you to the Chickasaw Gatherings for providing the exposure to our customs and history. I hope that you find more out-of-state Chickasaws attending these gatherings and learning as much as all of us have because of it.

The Holcombs

Thank you from the Gordons

Dear Editor:

The family of Allen James "AJ" Gordon would like to express our deepest gratitude for all the prayers during his birth, his mediflight transfer to Norman Regional Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and his stay there. Your support has touched us deeply.

We are grateful for the wonderful care we received at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility and at Norman Regional Hospital. Our heartfelt thanks go out to the many professionals

who worked so diligently and tirelessly to provide the care he needed to help him survive.

Thanks to our pastors, Robert and Linda Green, Abundant Life Church, who came to the hospital and supported us, and to the prayer chains from the local churches and other churches across the state and the individuals who offered intercessory prayer for him.

Special thanks go out to Doug and Teri Mathies, who opened up their home to us, Hurst, McNeil and Gordon, the Chickasaw Nation Judicial Branch, and Michelin for all their support. Last but not least, thanks for all the gifts, the visits, the phone calls and other many, many acts of kindness. It helps to know that people care. After a stay of seven days in Norman Regional Hospital, AJ is home now. He is

gaining weight and doing well. In seven short weeks he has come from a six pounder to a 10 pounder.

Daniel, Cheri, Noah and AJ Gordon

Thank you from Debbie Carnes

Dear Editor:

To my family, friends and all supporters for the benefit taco sale on July 18, 2008.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you and appreciation for all you've done. Thank you everyone for all the support and all the hard work that made this possible.

But most of all thank you for your love and support throughout my illness.

I am truly blessed to have such giving and loving family and friends.

May God bless you all,

Debbie Carnes and family

Seeking 4H stories

Oklahoma State 4-H leaders are searching for former members to tell their 4-H stories.

These stories and any photos are being compiled into an Oklahoma History Book.

If you have a story about your 4-H experience, that you'd like to pass on to our youth, please e-mail Diane.Taylor@chickasaw.net.

Language committee provides practical translations

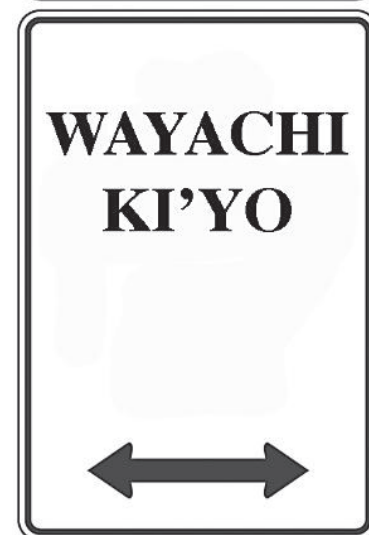
Let's learn street signs in Chickasaw!

The Chickasaw Language Committee has developed translations for many common street

signs. Below are some common street signs along with the

signs as they would appear in Chickasaw.

Chickasaw traffic signs (Chikashsha ihina anoli)



Milligan's oral histories provide insight into tribal past

By **RICHARD GREEN**
Contributing Writer

My grandmother told me many things about the old ways. If a young man wanted to ask a girl to marry him, and he meant to promise to be a good provider for her, he wouldn't say anything. When he came in the door of the cabin, he just throw an ear of corn to her. If she took it, he knew that was a sign that she would take him, too. If she threw it down, that meant she wanted nothing to do with him, and he'd just leave. — **Adeline Brown**

You may have heard of the drunk dance. Women line up on one side, and the men on the other. They start going around pretty fast, and it's easy to get kinda dizzy. I think that's how that dance got its name. During the late '30s the Indian churches were beginning to come out pretty hard against the dances, and I expect that is one thing that led to their being discontinued.

— **Buster Ned**

My dad has a brother who lives in eastern Oklahoma, and I guess his family is typical of the old-time traditional Indian. His wife is like one of the Indian women you read about. She did all the hard work, chopped big old logs for the fireplace and the wood burning cook stove. They lived 'way back in the woods with no modern conveniences—electricity, gas, running water—nothing. There's a lot of game around here. My uncle would shoot the deer and his wife would skin it, bury the entrails in the woods; then, she'd throw the carcass over her shoulder and carry it to the house.

— **Louella Orphan Coody**

Chickasaws who grew up during the Great Depression and even World War II have dwindled to a precious few. The three speakers above are deceased. And we would have a woeful lack of information about the lives of Chickasaws of this era were it not for the diligent work of Dorothy Milligan.

A long-time teacher in the Byng (north of Ada) public schools, Milligan secured federal funding and took it upon herself to record, edit and compile oral histories of about 25 tribal

members during the mid-1970s. The result, in America's bi-centennial year of 1976, was the *The Indian Way, Chickasaws*. It was Milligan's third of four books of oral history on the so-called Five Civilized Tribes. (She combined Seminoles and Creeks.)

The book met a need and helped fill a gap. It was published when that generation of elders was beginning to pass away and the Chickasaw Nation had not yet acquired the resources to capture and share some of their memories. It was not intended specifically to describe Chickasaw lives in relation to the depression or war but consisted of oral histories from that era covering everything from birth to death and beyond.

I discovered Milligan's book several years ago in the tribal library and read it during the time when I had begun producing oral histories for *The Journal of Chickasaw History*. It was evident that Mrs. Milligan was a skillful interviewer and editor. I considered the book to be a valuable addition to tribal history and culture, and I still do.

It has been out of print for years, but Milligan, 82, still lives in Byng and writes a weekly column of human interest stories for the *Ada Evening News*. I called her in August, and she graciously consented to be on the other end of an interview, for a change.

Book's Origin

More than 30 years ago, Dorothy Milligan was a relatively rare woman who balanced a professional career (teaching) while raising three children with her husband George Milligan. Although she says she was an undocumented Choctaw, she was not raised Indian and had more curiosity about Indians than knowledge or stories. Her children had a number of Chickasaw friends and sometimes she risked embarrassing her children and their friends by asking the Indian boys and girls about their ancestors and tribal beliefs and so on.

Milligan also discussed tribal affairs with Indian acquaintances and friends because she knew that tribal times were changing. The Chickasaw Nation recently had its first federally sanctioned tribal election since 1904 and



Dorothy Milligan
(1970s)

tribal members were beginning to benefit from new federally funded programs and services including housing, job training, healthcare, social services and education.

While Milligan was picking up information in bits and pieces, she was encouraged by Byng superintendent Marvin Stokes to use her writing and research skills to attract government funds to enhance the school system's meager budget. Following the election of Overton James to his first four-year term of governor in 1971, Milligan learned that federal Title IV education funds were available for projects associated with Indian education.

She wrote a grant proposal based on *Foxfire*, a series of books begun in 1972, illustrating the lifestyle and customs of southern Appalachian people. After her proposal was approved and funded, she produced oral histories on the Choctaws and Cherokees before turning her attention to her neighbors, the Chickasaws.

Milligan began working on the project about the time that Gov. James was re-elected in 1975 and Indian self-determination replaced termination as the federal Indian policy. In place of trying to terminate its treaty responsibilities to Indian tribes, the federal government was committed to encouraging "maximum Indian participation in the government and education of the Indian people," according to the law.

Getting to Work

As a full-time teacher, Milligan could only work on the

project on weekends and during the summer. She used her Chickasaw friends in the Byng area to her develop a network outside the Ada area. Instead of showing up in a city like Tishomingo or Sulphur and asking around, she had names and telephone numbers or addresses or at least directions to the houses of Chickasaw who might be willing to speak with her.

She and her subject would just talk as they might across the backyard fence until Milligan sensed that they were both comfortable. Then she would ask if she might turn on her reel-to-reel tape recorder. She had had to use an interpreter to interview some of the Cherokees ensconced in isolated pockets of the Cookson Hills, but most Chickasaws could speak their Indian language as well as English.

All but one of the Chickasaws she called upon agreed to be interviewed, and most of them, she told me, were anxious to share their knowledge and experiences with her, and by extension, the readers of the book. Some Chickasaws revealed information about families, stories and customs that others considered proprietary. But Milligan says she recalls few instances in which a Chickasaw said, in effect, I'd better keep that (answer) to myself.

I grew up in a home where English wasn't spoken at all. My grandmother started me to school at Hayes, and because I couldn't speak English, everybody just pretty well ignored me. I know they thought I was awful dumb, because I stayed in the pre-primer three years. Finally, they gave up on me and sent me to the government school at Ardmore [Carter Seminary]. Teachers were real strict in this school. They wouldn't allow any Indian spoken at all. They'd punish us if we spoke Indian. My grandmother used to come to see me about every 60 days, and she'd encourage me to learn as much as I could. — **Mrs. Mose Burris**

I was delivered by an old Indian doctor. Actually, he was Negro, or part-Negro, but he doctored all the Indians in the area. He lived on Leader Creek near Lulu. It was the most peculiar thing the way that

man would always show up when someone was sick and we needed him. We never had any way of getting word to him, but if one of us got sick, there he'd be. He used herbs in treating us, and I remember how he cured me of scarlet fever when I was real small by bleeding me. He took one of those sharp pieces of glass and slashed my forehead. The blood spurted out; maybe he punctured a vein. In just a little while, though, my fever went down and I was all right.

— **Johnson Perry**

Got married at 16. I married a man who had four children, and that part was good. I loved those kids, and we got along fine. I had two children of my own. One died as a baby. The other grew up, married and had children, then she passed away. I raised her children, three girls and a boy. In all, I've raised 12 orphan children and just one of my own. All of my children got a good education. I worked in a restaurant in Tishomingo and at a laundry in Ada to get money for them to go to school. Wasn't any welfare or help from anybody then. Just had to do what we did by ourselves. We farmed the land and raised nearly all our food. Used to milk 10 cows and sold the milk and cream. Used to be the only things we bought was coffee, sugar and flour.

— **Liza Russell**

As is evident from these excerpts, the information in Milligan's book is not only interesting, it will provoke some Chickasaws to learn more. In that way, the material is potentially invaluable to some Chickasaws, especially descendants of these speakers. Yet the book is not without inaccuracies and problems, both of which a good editor could have alleviated. As an example of the former, Milligan wrote in the introduction that the Chickasaws supported the colonists in the Revolutionary War. Actually, most Chickasaws supported the British or remained neutral. One pro-British chief said he was reluctant to fight because how would he be able to tell the white combatants apart.

As for problems, the book's

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and activities are conducted throughout Tishomingo on the grounds of the historic Chickasaw Capitol, Pennington Park, MSC campus, Johnston County Sports Complex and other venues. A gospel singing will take place Saturday from 2 p. m. to 4 p. m. on the capitol grounds' west lot. Local and professional singers and groups will be on stage to entertain. Several Chickasaw authors will be on hand for book signings Friday and Saturday.

A wide variety of events for kids and families are scheduled throughout festival week. These include the Chickasaw Princess Pageant in Ada, the Junior Olympics at Tishomingo High School, softball tournaments, a golf tournament at the new WinStar Golf Course, cultural tours and demonstrations at the capitol grounds, the Arts and Culture Awards ceremony, Youthful Celebration with new cultural make-and-take items, the senior arts and crafts sale,

the JC Riding Club rodeo, and a Cultural Evening at the new Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

Other attractions for children include a petting zoo, pony rides and train rides in Pennington Park. The park will also have inflatable games and the Kids' Fun To Learn tent that includes face painting, crafts and several make-and-take projects. Children's activities are available Tuesday, Sept. 30 through Saturday, Oct. 4 from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m.

A complete listing of events, locations and schedules is available below, and online at www.chickasaw.net.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Festival office at (580) 371-2040 or 1 (800) 593-3356.

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tribal media relations.*

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also mentioned.

Building upon citizen requests, the Cultural Center will utilize live performances, high technology multimedia exhibits, and galleries as well as natural outdoor spaces to tell the Chickasaw story and preserve tribal culture for future generations.

Four buildings totaling 96,000 square feet will be located on the campus of the Cultural Center. These facilities include an Exhibit Center, the Holisso Center, a large-format theatre, and an administration building.

An amphitheatre, sky terrace, and a traditional village, along with water features, are planned for the Cultural Center.

Inside the Exhibit Center, an 18th century Council House will serve as an orientation theatre. The Council House will be more than 60 feet wide and will look similar to the buildings constructed in Chickasaw villages long before European contact in 1540.

In the event of rain, Cultural

Evening activities will move to the Chickasaw Community Center, 700 North Mississippi, Ada.

For more information con-

tact Valorie Walters at (580) 436-7265 or email valorie.walters@chickasaw.net.

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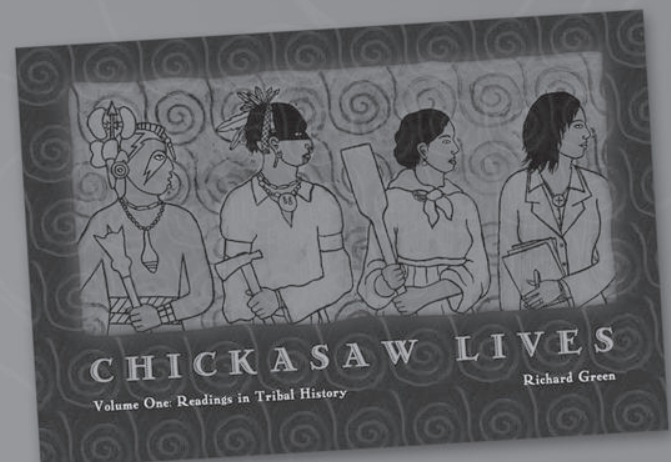
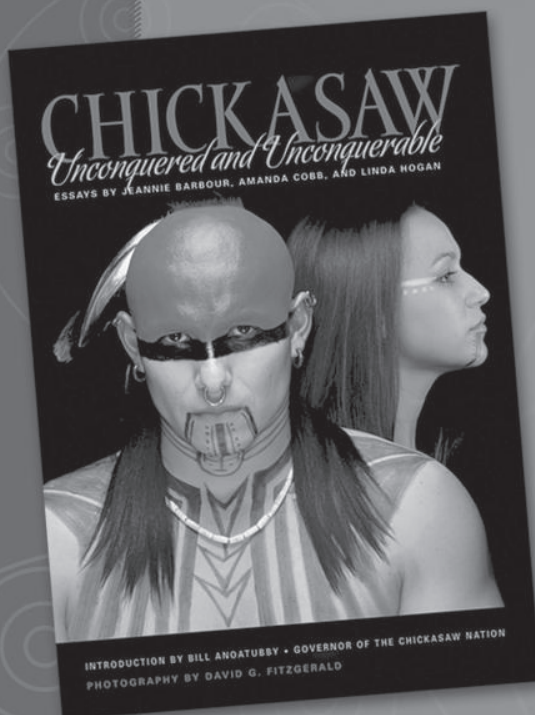
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2) Next, you will be prompted to enter your health record number (chart number) and password. If you have not used this service before, please click the "New Registration" button below the login field to complete and submit the registration form.

4) Once you have logged in, a drop down menu will appear. Please use the down arrow

button to select the prescription processing option and press the select button to begin entering your prescription numbers for refills.

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Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Donna Hartman

3 no votes

The motion to approve PR25-007 carried.

Ms. Easterling concluded her report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

No report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

No report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

Chairperson Briggs reported on the restoration of Burney Institute and the cemetery clean up program.

(H) COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Tim Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 25-009, Amendments to Title 6, Chapter 3 Section 6-304.9 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Placement Preferences)

This resolution amends the list of preferences to be used by the Chickasaw Nation courts in the determination of placement of a child for foster care

or adoption.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Mr. Woerz to approve PR25-009.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR25-009 carried unanimously.

Mr. Tim Colbert concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7

NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Comments were made by Mr. Mike Watson.

AGENDA ITEM #8

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers,
Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Diabetes prevention screenings set for several locations in September

The Diabetes Care Center will host Health Screenings for the Special Diabetes Prevention Program at the following locations:

September 4 - Tishomingo Health Clinic, 901 E. 6th Street- 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

September 9 - Diabetes Care Center, 1001 N. Country Club Road, Ada - 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

September 11 - Ardmore Health Clinic, 2510 Chickasaw Blvd.- 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

September 15 - Family Life Center, 229 W. Seabrook Road, Ada, OK- 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

September 18 - Durant Health Clinic, 1600 N. Washington- 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

September 25 - Purcell Health

Clinic, 1438 Hardcastle Blvd.- 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Participants will be screened for blood sugar, blood pressure, body mass index and the American Diabetes Association risk test. Diabetes Care Center staff will be available to offer counseling based on results. Qualifying participants will be eligible for enrollment in the Special Diabetes Prevention Program.

For more information on the Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center or the Special Diabetes Prevention Program, please call (580) 421-4532.

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By Anona McCullar

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Beulah Mae Benton



Services for Beulah Mae Benton, 72, of Marietta, Okla., were August 15, 2008 at Flanagan-Watts Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ronnie Harris officiating. Interment was in Lakeview Cemetery, Marietta.

Ms. Benton died August 12, 2008 at Mercy Memorial Health Center, Ardmore, Okla. She was born October 11, 1935, at Talihina, Okla., to James L. and Rosa Lee Johnson Benton.

A resident of Love County since 1982, Ms. Benton had previously made her home in the Tishomingo area. She grew up at Bullard Chapel and attended elementary school and junior high school at Tishomingo. Ms. She graduated from the Chilocco Indian School and then attended Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kan. She worked as a linotype operator and also was employed by Stromberg-Carlson for 10 years in electronics assembling circuit boards for telephones.

Ms. Benton enjoyed fishing, caring for her flowers and assisting the other residents of Bourland Village. She dearly loved her family, especially her grandchildren, and was always there for them, doing whatever was needed. Ms. Benton was of the Methodist faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Archie Brown; a son, Michael Huff; a brother, Bill Benton; and half sister, Pearl Kelley.

She is survived by a son, Gary L. Huff, Marietta; two sisters, Elsa Benton, Eufaula, Okla., and Verna John, Dallas; three grandchildren, Michael Huff and wife, Ashley, Christopher Huff and Dusty Huff; and a great-granddaughter, Jacilyn Huff.

Serving as bearers were Robert Hughes, Michael Huff, Jody

John, Wendell John, Billy Benton and Terry Dougherty. Honorary bearers were employees of the Love County Sheriff's Department, the Marietta Police Department, and the staff of Cross Timbers Hospice.

Online guest book: wattsfuneralhome.com

Braylon Dale Masten

Braylon Dale Masten died July 23, 2008. He was born July 22, 2008 to Arthur Dale Masten and Amy Nicole Johnson, Ardmore, Okla.

Graveside services were July 29, 2008 with Rev. Joe Mule officiating. Burial took place at Pruitt Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by paternal grandfather, Leroy Eugene Masten; paternal great-grandmother, Dorothy Ross; and maternal great-grandmother, Kathryn LaVelle Berry.

He is survived by his parents; paternal grandmother, Jean Ann Jellason; maternal grandparents, Denver Eugene Johnson and Melissa Ann Johnson; maternal great-grandfather, Lawrence Ray Berry; maternal great-grandmother, Drew Johnson; maternal great-grandfather, Walter S Johnson; a brother, Anthony Masten; and a sister, Mia Masten.

Braylon was a special miracle baby. He had a chance at life but the odds were against him and he reminds us all how precious life is, no matter how brief. The importance of life is not measured by time. He will always be remembered and loved.

Bearers were his father, Arthur Dale Masten, and maternal grandfather, Denver Eugene Johnson.

Leah Locust

Leah Locust, 66, of Vian, Okla., died July 25, 2008 at Vian. She was born Aug. 25, 1941 at Madill, Okla., to Thomas and Fannie Maytubby Underwood.

Services were July 28, 2008 at Mallory-Martin Chapel with Rev. Kenneth Lewis and Rev. Allison Phillips officiating. Burial followed in Barnoskie Cemetery.

She was a loving wife, mother,

grandmother and great-grandmother who loved to spend time with her family. She also loved to cook and clean house.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands, Daniel Meely and Abraham Locust; a son, James Meely; and a granddaughter, Janessa Gord.

She is survived by her companion, George Pettit, Vian; two daughters, Janice Locust and husband Sonny Harjo, and Clara Locust and husband Charles Biggoose, all of Tulsa; four sons, Darrell Meely and companion, Alma Spottedwolf, of Tahlequah, Okla., Danny Meely, and Abraham Locust, Jr., of Vian, and Brian Locust and companion, LaDonna Christy, of Chewy, Okla.; a sister, Ruth Meely, Ardmore, Okla.; a brother, Calvin Johnson, and wife Pat, of Ardmore; 17 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Buck Locust, David Pettit, Dennis Christy, Danny Morris, Kent Johnson and Johnny Meely.

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organization is not consistently well thought out. For example, most of the text is divided into blocks of identified speakers, but interspersed among them are topics such as superstitions and food, both of which are spoken of at length by many of the book's subjects.

One of the major strengths, however, is found in the sections dealing with the tribe's status in 1976, when the Chickasaw Nation gradually was gaining power and federal support for the first time in the 20th century. At this pivotal point, Milligan provided a series of snapshots of tribal progress that will be nostalgic for some and revelations for younger readers.

Tribal Progress 1976

In 1976, the nearest Indian hospital to the Chickasaws was in Talihina or Lawton; but that was about to change, due to the work of Gov. James and U.S. house speaker Carl Albert. One section describes how they were primarily responsible for winning approval for a new Indian hospital to be constructed in Ada.

James had also secured funding for a new tribal headquarters, and when the book went to press, the location came down to Sulphur (where the tribe had

Honorary pallbearers were Jerry Simon, Richard Livers, Leo Buzzard, Sam Christy, Joe Lee Buzzard and Ronnie Bush.

Online condolences can be given at www.mallorymartin-funeralhome.com

Tane Bryant

Funeral Services for Tane Bryant, 92, of Pontotoc, Okla., were August 27, 2008 at the Pontotoc Methodist Church with Carl Hayes officiating. Interment followed in the Pontotoc Cemetery. Mrs. Bryant died August 25 at the Johnston Memorial Hospital in Tishomingo.

Mr. Bryant was born November 13, 1915 in Pontotoc to William and Ella Colley. She married Edd Bryant on January 20, 1931 in Sulphur, Okla. He preceded her in death on April 25, 1982. She had worked as a cook at the Pontotoc School for many years and was involved

with the Head Start program at the Mill Creek (OK) Schools. She was also a member of the Pontotoc Methodist Church.

Mrs. Bryant was preceded in death by her parents; a granddaughter, Maria (Easterling) Upton on December 7, 2002; (11) brothers and sisters; and her son-in-law; Coy Easterling on May 1, 2005.

She is survived by a daughter, Dawatha Easterling, Connerville, Okla.; grandchildren, Rosanna Easterling and Eddie Bond Easterling, of Connerville; great-grandchildren, Bryant Upton, Brook Pinkston, Dakota Cole, Nevada Cole, Jory Easterling, Rowdy Elliott, Jared Easterling and Cedar Easterling, and other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Bryant Upton Kirk House, Dakota Cole, Nevada Cole, Jory Easterling and Jared Easterling. Honorary Bearers were Rowdy Elliott and Zan Upton.

been headquartered in a motel building) or Ada. He explained that 80 percent of the funding "has to be used for labor. A primary purpose is to provide jobs for the unemployed."

Other tribal initiatives mentioned by Gov. James included "asking for 1500 housing units annually for the next three years," the name Platt National Park changed to Chickasaw Recreation Area, and starting business operations similar to the tribe's Chickasaw Motor Inn in Sulphur. It is also interesting to note that James in 1976 was not a full-time governor. Since his election in 1971, he had also been director of Indian Education for the state education department. I'm not sure if he knew it then, but just a year later, in 1977, he resigned his education job to become full-time governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

The governor certainly was one of Milligan's primary referral sources, and probably at the top of his list was his mother, Vinnie May Humes, who is quoted extensively. Here is one passage about how she and her husband, Jess Humes, put together the first Chickasaw dictionary:

[We] had talked for a long

time about putting together a dictionary. It worried us that so many Chickasaws were growing up without any knowledge of their language. We got a small Webster's dictionary, and we began compiling a Chickasaw dictionary by writing the Chickasaw word in place of the English word. We tried to spell phonetically as it sounds. [After the first draft was finished, Jess died of a heart attack and Vinnie had to proceed alone.] The publishers would send proofs back to me; I'd read them and complain, "This isn't right. People won't understand it spelled like this. This was upsetting to me. My son, Overton, would say, "Okay, you don't have to accept it. Change it to the way you know it's supposed to sound." I did just that.

Note: A few copies of Milligan's Chickasaw book probably can be obtained through an Internet search, but the author only has one copy herself. Since it is out of print and the copyright has expired, anyone finding a copy in a library may make a photocopy for their own use.

Richard Green may be contacted at rgreen26@cox.net or 405-947-5020.

2008 Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival

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September 2008

EVENT	VENUE	DATE	TIME
Jr. Olympics	Tishomingo High School	Sept. 27	9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Tournament	MSC/JCSC	Sept. 27	9 a.m.-Until Finished
Golf Tournament	WinStar Golf Course	Sept. 27	2:45 p.m. – Until Finished
Chickasaw Princess Pageant	Ada Cougar Activity Center	Sept. 29	6 p.m.
Cultural School Tours and Demonstrations/ Youthful Celebration	Capitol Grounds	Sept. 30 –Oct. 3	9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Kids' Fun to Learn Tent	Pennington Park	Sept. 30-Oct. 3	9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Chickasaw Nation Senior Arts & Crafts	Capitol Grounds (West Lot)	Oct. 1-4	9 a.m.-2 p.m. 12 p.m.-5 p.m.
Arts and Culture Awards and Reception	MSC Ballroom	Oct. 2	6 p.m.
Cultural Evening activities begin	Chickasaw Cultural Center/Sulphur	Oct. 3	5:30 p.m.
Time Capsule Ceremony	Chickasaw Cultural Center/Sulphur	Oct. 3	5:45 p.m.
Cultural Evening Meal and Gospel Singing	Chickasaw Cultural Center/Sulphur	Oct. 3	6:10 p.m.
Note: In case of rain The Cultural Evening activities will be at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada.			
JC Riding Club Rodeo	Tee Pee Arena (Tishomingo)	Oct.3-4	8 p.m. – Until Finished
Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments (Womens & Mens)	Jo.Co.SportsComplex/ Tishomingo	Oct. 3-4	7 p.m. (Fri.)9 a.m. (Sat.)
Chickasaw Citizen Registration	Murray College/Student Center	Oct. 4	8 a.m.
Chickasaw Annual Meeting	Fletcher Auditorium- MSC	Oct. 4	9 a.m.-Until Finished
Southeastern Art Show and Market	Mickel & 9th	Oct. 3-4	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Chickasaw White House Tours	Emet	Oct. 4	11:30 a.m. – 5p.m.
Parade	Tishomingo Main Street	Oct. 4	11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Band Day Extravaganza	Tishomingo High School	Oct. 4	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Cultural Demonstrators	Capitol Grounds (West Lot)	Oct. 4	12 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Chickasaw Lunch	MSC Campus	Oct. 4	11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Pennington Park Activities Begin	Pennington Park	Oct. 4	12 p.m.–5 p.m.
Horseshoe Tournament Registration	Pennington Park	Oct. 4	12 p.m.-12:45 p.m.
Horseshoe Tournament	Pennington Park	Oct. 4	1 p.m.
Dance Troupe Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds (West Lot)	Oct. 4	1 p.m. –5 p.m.
Gospel Singing	Capitol Grounds (West Lot)	Oct. 4	2 pm – 4 p.m.
Finals of Fast Pitch Tournament	MSC/JCSC	Oct. 5	9 a.m. - Until Finished

*MSC = Murray State College
JCSC = Johnston County Sports Complex
THS= Tishomingo High School*

For additional information about the 2006 Chickasaw Annual Meeting & Festival, call 1-800-593-3356.